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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

DR. J. E. SHEPPARD'S GOOD WORK EXTOLLED

GREAT INSTITUTION FOR GREAT MISSION

National Religious Training School Carrying Light Into Darkest Dixie—Editor Murphy to be Honored.

(Thompson's National News Bureau.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—The nation's capital always has a warm welcome awaiting Dr. James E. Shepard, who frequently honors this city with his presence. This remarkable young man is the founder and president of the National Religious Training School at Durham, N. C., one of the most promising educational institutions of which the country can boast. It sprang up almost in a single night apparently, and at a bound has reached proportions that cause the conservative leaders of thought and morals to gasp with astonishment. While its physical construction has been pushed with unprecedented rapidity, the basic idea of a mammoth National Religious Training School has long abided in the fertile brain of Dr. Shepard, and he is able to now make a sometime dream a living reality, because of his eloquent and convincing presentation to substantial forces of the crying need of such an agency of light and leading in the heart of the Southland. It has grown because it was born with a divine mission, and is living up to the opportunities that have been placed within its grasp. Somebody has said "An institution is but the lengthened shadow of some great man." The truth of the epigram is verified by the fact that in establishing this broad-gauged institution, Dr. Shepard has built for himself a monument that will endue, and typify for the inspiration of the thousands who follow the lofty ideals, practical teachings and concrete achievements embodied in his own successful career. It is a genuine pleasure to all Washingtonians to meet Dr. Shepard as he travels northward and southward in the interest of his magnificent work for the spiritual and industrial development of the race. Dr. Shepard was once a prominent office-holder here and was a capable one, but such a routine field was too narrow for the satisfaction of his expansive mind, and he took up a congenial service as special agent for the International Sunday School Association, making an extended tour of Europe and Africa to study problems of human elevation and enlightenment. He conceived the idea that the true solution of the race problem lay, after all, in religious education, plus the academic and industrial branches. Out of this conviction sprang the imposing and impressive National Religious Training School at Durham, dedicated to the task of producing religious leaders who will carry the torch of thrift, industry and morality into the darkest recesses of Dixieland.

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Dr. Shepard, with rare organizing capacity, has brought to his aid some of the strongest men and women of the South. Judge Peter C. Pritchard is chairman of the Board of Trustees; Gen. Julian S. Carr is treasurer; John Merric kis vice-chairman. Bishop Robert Strange, of the Eastern North Carolina diocese of the Episcopal church, Archdeacon W. George Avant, of the same theological district; N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh; Rev. Dr. J. C. Massee, of Chattanooga; former Governor Robert B. Glenn, of North Carolina, are among the high-grade Southerners who are actively identified with the forward movements of this institution, giving of their time and means to its advancement. In January, Judge Pritchard and ex-Governor Glenn will make a tour of the North to present the aims of the school and to secure much-needed financial resources. Dr. Shepard recently addressed an immense audience at Paterson, N. J., speaking under the patronage of the Y. M. C. A. A comprehensive compaign, covering the entire school year, is being inaugurated, and an effort will be made to erect additional buildings for the enlargement of the facilities of the institution.

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The National Religious Training School embraces thirty-two acres of fine land, a part of the estate of the famous Duke family, and on it are now five large buildings in which the various departments of the school are located. The administration building, with the executive offices and auditorium, the home of the vice president of the school, Prof. C. G. O'Kelley, and the beautiful dining hall are notable features of the picturesque campus. The total value of the plant as it stands is not less than $75,000. During the visit of the "Washington" party, a month ago, Dr. Booker T. Washington, than whom the school has no more devoted friend, saw the institution for the first time, and marveled that a school with such excellent appointments and built on lines of permanence should have been developed in so short a time. He was gratified beyond measure with the work Dr. Shepard is doing and pledged his heartiest support. There are one hundred and twenty-seven students and a faculty of nine teachers, all of them intensely loyal to the policy of the school and to its energetic president. They are as follows: Prof. F. A. Clark, Philadelphia, music; Miss Pearl G. Reid, Oswego, N. Y., English; Miss Alice Jackson, history; Prof. J. L. Pennell, mathematics and science; Prof. T. E. Smith, Lynchburg, Va., commercial department; Prof. John H. Moore, dean, theology and religious training; Miss Bennie Mallory, Charleston, W. Va., domestic science; Mrs. George W. Adams, Durham, N. C., millinery; Mrs. Charlotte S. Rhone, Newbern, N. C., matron; Mrs. C. G. O'Kelley, matron of dining hall. The students come from far and wide, hailing chiefly from Massachusetts, Virginia, Arkansas, North and South Carolina and Georgia.

The Summer Chautauqua is a permanent feature of the school work and the plan for next summer will be even more elaborate than that carried on with such satisfactory results last July.

The pleasing announcement is made that the National Religious Training School has secured the services of that influential and always progressive young man, Prof. H. E. Hagans, who will act as financial agent. Dr. Shepard is fortunate in this acquisition, for Prof. Hagans is not only one of the ablest educators in the country, but he is one of North Carolina's most substantial business men. He is a farmer who is not ashamed of the fact, and raises some of the finest products known to that State. He is making friends for the school by the score and already the subscription list is showing signs of healthful growth. Dr. Shepard's massive institution of moral and industrial training is being bracketed with Tuskegee as the two greatest centers of racial uplift in the South, and, united as they are in a common cause, the outcome can not be other than profitable to all concerned.

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A BANQUET IN HONOR OF EDITOR MURPHY.

The newspaper men and others of the District are in hearty accord with the proposition to tender to Editor John H. Murphy, of the Baltimore Afro-American Ledger, in commemoration of his 70th anniversary, which occurs on Christmas day. For twenty years or more Mr. Murphy has been a force in the journalistic life of the race, and rising from the humblest ranks, he has, by honesty and courage, won for himself a place of power and influence in state and nation. He has made the Afro-American Ledger strong in both religious and secular circles, and it never fails to speak out in the meeting, whether its convictions are popular or not at the time. Mr. Murphy has a wife and nine children. Each of his children, besides having high school training, is the master of a trade. This in itself is enough to entitle Mr. Murphy to a dinner fit for a king. The details are being worked out by Hugh E. McBeth, editor of the Baltimore Times; Franklin F. Johnson, of the Afro-American Ledger; Councilman Harry S. Cummings, Grand Chancellor George A. Watty and other prominent citizens of Baltimore. Washington will be largely represented on the subscription list and will have her choicest oratory on tap. The date will probably be Monday evening, December 26.

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NEGROES ABSORBING THE HEART OF WASHINGTON.

Rapidly the thrifty negroes are taking possession of the heart of Washington's most desirable residential section. The northeast quarter of the city, from M street to far above the boundary on Florida avenue, and from North Capitol to Seventeenth street, is being bought up or rented by colored people of the better type. Houses that could not have been occupied by any negro ten years ago are now being gladly offered to colored tenants, and streets inaccessible a decade ago to the race are now almost completely filled by negroes. The whites are moving out to the suburbs and newer sections, leaving some of the finest and most comfortable homes to negroes in the regions most convenient to the stores and traction lines. Certain portions of Thirteenth street, T street, Wallach Place, S street, and others equally desirable, where no negroes lived a few years ago, are owned by negroes, and now Portner Place, Thirteenth street on the east side above W, and the Cameron Apartment House at Tenth and Vermont avenue, are open to colored tenants. U street is being given over to colored business enterprises, and it is regarded as only a question of time when the Oswego and Exeter Apartment Houses will be let to colored people, to be followed later by the adjoining Bryn Mawr and Ilkley. The statement that the influx of negroes tends to depreciate the value of property is disputed by a well-informed real estate man. While the property in a colored neighborhood may not sell readily to whites for residential use, it is a good investment, for colored people are compelled to pay from $2 to $5 more per month than whites, and there is a difference of several hundred dollars on the selling price, in favor of the whites. Good property in a colored neighborhood is never idle; consequently, at advanced rentals, it is a gilt-edged investment. The color line is drawn here with practically as much rigidity as in any Southern community, but the quick-witted negroes are embarking in business for themselves and turning race discrimination into profit by reaching out after the dollars the white institutions disdain to accept on equal terms.

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ELKS HOLD "LODGE OF SORROW."

Columbia Lodge No. 85, Independent Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, held memorial services Sunday evening at the New Howard Theater. Attorney R. R. Horner spoke on "The Relation of Fraternal Organizations as It Affects the Race," and James E. Mills, Grand Exalted Ruler of one branch of the Elks, delivered the eulogy. Similar services were held at the Auditorium on Eigth street, S. E., by Morning Star Lodge No. 40, with Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Recorder of Deeds, and Cornelius R. Richardson as the orators of the occasion. The attendance at both meetings was large.

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THE ROBERT T. FREEMAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION.

The Robert T. Freeman Dental Association, named in honor of the first colored man to practice dentistry in the District, gave its annual dinner last Saturday night at Martin's Northwest Cafe, and the occasion was a highly enjoyable one. Dr. D. A. Ferguson, of Richmond, was the guest of honor, and former President C. Sumner-Wormley distinguished himself as a witty and affable toastmaster. In his admirable address, Dr. Ferguson described a recent operation by him for empyema of the antrum. He was elected as an honorary vice president by a unanimous vote of the organization. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Dr. C. A. Gray; vice president, Dr. C. C. Fry; recording secretary, Dr. George H. Butcher; corresponding secretary, Dr. S. A. Fraser; treasurer, Dr. A. J. Gwathney; librarian, Dr. W. E. Hamilton. The January meeting of the society will be held in Richmond as the guest of Dr. D. A. Ferguson. The Robert T. Freeman Dental Association is ten years old and has a membership of twenty-five. It was foremost in the movement which led to the adoption of a systematic dental inspection in the public schools of the District. Dr. Fry, who served as chairman of the committee which pioneered this movement, makes the astonishing statement that fully 90 per cent. of the children in the schools have defective teeth, and this militates against the health of the child and against its efficiency as a student. The new system is working finely, and may pave the way for an inspection of the eyes of the school children.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE UPPER CLASSMEN.

Prof. W. H. H. Hart, of the Howard Law School, was the principal speaker last Friday evening at the special platform meeting in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, under the auspices of the Council of Upper Classmen of Howard University. Prof. Hart's theme was "The Law Eternal," and he did full justice to his great theme, pointing out the divine origin and eternal character of law and the order and system that control all nature throughout the universe. President W. P. Thirkfield followed with a brief, but happy speech. Excellent musical numbers were furnished by Miss Perle Alexander, Miss Eva B. Dykes and Miss M. Jones. James C. Waters, the painstaking president of the Council of Upper Classmen, presided with dignity, and delivered an informing address on "Upper classmenism," making clear the high and serious purpose of the organization—that it had a broad, constructive policy of race development, as well as its social side. A series of instructive lectures has been arranged, of which due announcement will be made. The Upper Classmen has now a membership of about two hundred, due to the earnest and capable leadership of President Waters.

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TOLD IN A PARAGRAPH.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell addressed a body of philanthropists in New York this week.

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The Vermont Avenue Baptist Church will probably not call a pastor before spring, to succeed the late Rev. G. W. Lee. There is a general belief that Dr. D. Webster Davis, of Richmond, will be selected when the time comes to make the call. Rev. J. Franklin Walker, of Cincinnati, is favorably mentioned also.

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Secretary Charles Dyer Norton is making a host of friends among the colored people who have occasion to visit the Wihte House.

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The prices of admission at the New Howard Theater have been reduced to 10, 20 and 30 cents. The report that there is to be a reservation for colored people is denied by the management. There is to be absolutely no discrimination, and all first-class shows that can be secured will be booked.

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Erb Robinson, the well-known comedian, has assumed the management of Ford Dabney's Theater, during the illness of Manager George W. Hamilton, who is still in a precarious condition at Freedmen's Hospital. Mr. Robinson himself is doing a "turn" this week, and Madeline Cooper ("Kinky") and Evon Robinson, both clever singers and dancers, are on the high-class bill.

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John Merick, of Howard University, went to Durham, N. C., to attend the wedding of his sister, Miss Geneva Belle, November 30.

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T. Spencer Finley, who is in the second season of his successful comedy run, has been given full charge of the stage management of the Hiawatha Theater. Mr. Finley has had ample experience in this line and will be able to put on acts that could not otherwise be secured. He can be depended upon to give the Hiawatha patrons a show that will please them.

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Miss Minnie Brown, the winsome New York prima donna, is now in her fifteenth week as an attraction in Washington's best playhouse. This is a record unprecedented by any female star who has visited the capital. Miss Brown has developed a clientele all her own, and her friends are found in the audience at any theater fortunate enough to get her name on a contract. Miss Brown is still at the Foraker and her popularity shows no signs of waning.

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The centenial anniversary of the birth of Charles Sumner is to be fittingly observed here January 6.

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Miss Nanie M. Burroughs will be at the National Training School for the Christmas holidays.

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Dr. J. E. Shepard, president of the National Religious Training School, Durham, N. C., has been invited to talk on "Education in the South," before the Bethel Literary and Historical Asociation at an early date.

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President W. P. Thirkield, of Howard University, is urging the alumni to push the collection of funds for the building of the $25,000 gymnasium for the school on the hill. Science hall is to be dedicated soon.

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Architect W. Sidney Pittman has returned from Durham, N. C., where he has been putting on the finishing touches on the fine White Rock Baptist church, and attending the Williams-Merrick wedding. The work at the National Religious Training school is progressing in satisfactory fashion.

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Dr. J. Mitchell Seabrook, one of Howard University's most prominent graduates, passed away a few days ago at Asheville, N. C., where he had gone in search of health.

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Dr. W. D. Norman, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist church, has purchased the handsome property at 1932 13th street, N. W., and will make his home there.

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That "Conference of Administration Leaders" will be held after the Christmas holidays.

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Mrs. W. T. Vernon has returned from a visit to friends at Philadelphia, and is at her apartments, 1224 U street, N. W.

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Attorney Ralph W. White has disposed of the National Forum to a new management and will return to his home in Montgomery, W. Va., to practice his profession.

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The National Personal Liberty League will tender National Organizer C. C. Curtis a testimonial on the 16th.

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The Delaware Club, of which Attorney Elwood G. Hubert is president, will have as its guest of honor at a dinner Saturday evening, Hon. C. H. Colburn, a member of the Republican State Central committee of the "Blue Hen" State.

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J. Leubrie Hill, author of "My Friend From Dixie," and other standard productions, until recently manager of the Howard Stock Company, will be prepared to announce some definite plans within a few days. It is said he has something sensational up his sleeve. It was through no lack of painstaking direction that the musical comedy experiment at the Howard was not a "go."

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The Monacan Club announces "Assemblies" for December 29, February 24 and April 21, at the New Auditorium, 8th street, S. E. H. H. Cardozo is president of the organization. These functions are always "very swell."

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The representative colored citizens are favoring San Francisco as the seat of the Panama Canal Exposition, if Washington cannot have it. New Orleans is opposed because of its refusal to suspend its "jim-crow" regulations during the life of the "big show."

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W. W. Martin, with characteristic generosity, gave a Thanksgiving dinner to the inmates of the Home for Friendless Girls at his elegant Northwest Cafe. Mr. Martin leads in benefactions to the race and as a recognition of his public spirit, practically every social function of the first rank is given at his beautiful and convenient establishment.

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A Colored Theatrical Booking Agency has been established here, with headquarters at 1805 4th street, N. W.

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The Colored Young Men's Christian Association had a "housewarming" last Friday evening at their new and commodious headquarters, 429 T street, northwest, and on the same evening the Y. M. C. A. held a grand reunion of the workers in the last financial campaign. Of the $10,000 subscribed last May, only $2,270 remains to be collected. Work on the new structure is being pushed. President Taft will probably officiate at the dedication, a date for which is now being considered.

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In the improbable event of the retirement of Assistant Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce, Prof. Lewis B. Moore, Prof. Kelly Miller and W. S. Montgomery are mentioned as possible successors. The reelection of Mr. Bruce, however, is expected at the January meeting of the Board of Education.

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The November number of "The World's Work," containing Dr. Booker T. Washington's reminiscent notes on "The Intellectuals," had a tremendous sale among our people in this city. The December number is also "going like hot cakes," continuing the series of "Chapters From My Experience," by Dr. Washington.

A CONSIDERATION.

Blessed is he that considers the poor.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

COMMITTEE WILL MAKE READY FOR MEETING

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN IN FULL BLAST

Rally Will Last Seventeen Days—The Coopers of Ninth Street Tobacco House Give Stag—In Society Circles.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—The United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten have appointed their committee to make arrangements to celebrate their fifteenth anniversary in this city on August 1, 1911. Members from all parts of the world will be invited to be present. Cheap rates will be arranged. The various lodges and temples will elect their officers for 1911 at their first meeting this month.

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Miss Ella Brogsdale, one of the most popular young ladies of our city, has been engaged as private secretary to Mr. Guy W. Smith & Sons—engaged for many years in the business of moving, packing and shipping. She is eminently fitted to give good service.

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The Pastime Pleasure cclub will meet at their club rooms, 1001-1003 West Walnut street, to attend to business strictly in regards to our next affair, which will be sometime during the holidays.

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The campaign for enlarging the work of the Y. M. C. A. is on in full blast. The board of directors have promised $10,000 if an additional $5,000 is given by the colored people. The rally will last seventeen days beginning with the first of the month. Reports of the progress of the campaign will be given at the Y. M. C. A. building daily. Every one is asked to give liberally to the good cause.

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Mr. John Greenwell, an aged and respected citizen, died suddenly last Friday at the Associated Charity building, of which he was custodian. He had been a sufferer for years from heart trouble.

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Master William Dudley Gibson, of the Madison Law School, was operated upon Monday for an affection of the tonsils. He is a brave little fellow.

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The coopers of the Ninth street tobacco house, gave a stag party Monday night, at 431 South Eleventh street. Among those present were: Messrs. Ben Hayden, William Blacknose, Jerry Whittaker, James Henry, "Bumble Bee" Jones, Virgil Sharp, Wm. Vandyke, James Hughes, "Frog" Hardaway, John Brown and "Sherley." It was a typical stag indeed for, when it closed everybody was a stag-gering but Brother James Hughes. "Sherley" picked up a bushel of "bottled-in-bond" corks. Harry Hayden, the kid cooper, sang a pathetic solo entitled, "I Can't Go Against It Like My Daddy."

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Misses Mattie and Laura Louden were called home to Eminence on account of the illness of their mother. Miss Laura has returned and reports her mother much better.

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The monthly book review meeting at the colored branch of the Louisville free public library was held Friday, December 9, at 4:30 p. m. A brief review of each of the following books was given: Martin—"Crossways," Miss Adeline Zachert; Miller—"Race Adjustment," Rev. G. W. Nicholas; Keller—"Story of My Life," Miss Carolyn B. Steward; Cawein—"Kentucky Poems," Prof. J. S. Cotter; Stowe—"Life of Harriet B. Stowe," Rev. C. B. Allen. These meetings are especially interesting and instructive and all persons are cordially invited at all times.

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Many people here were invited to the marriage of a former Louisville girl, Miss Mattie Evans, to Mr. Ferdinand Mathews, in Jersey City, N. J., last week. Miss Evans made quite a name on the stage, having been with Isham's Octoroons a few seasons and also with Williams and Walker's aggregation. She is a sister of Mr. Owen Evans, senior member of the firm of Evans and Furst.

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The "Good Fellows" club gave a grand banquet December 3rd, at Pete Walker's cafe, 1003 West Walnut street. The decorations consisted of the club's colors, lavender and blue, with old gold trimmings. The menu was up to date and was served in courses, to-wit:

Oyster Cocktail — Mulligatawny
Chicken Croquettes and Saratoga Chips
Prime Ribbed Roast Beef
Candied Sweet Potatoes and French Peas
Wild Roast Turkey, with
Chestnut Dressing and Cranberry Sauce
Waldorf Salad — Black Coffee
Roquefort Cheese — Wine and Cigars

The members are as follows: Jos. Frye, president; Geo. Shaefer, vice-president; Joe Knowles, secretary; J. A. Malone, treasurer; Omme Mason, sergeant at arms; Eugene Dickerson, Samuel Bates, W. S. Bailey, Hartie Roseborough, Jos. Haughton; Walter McAtee, Jos. Mumphrie, Preston Venable, Abram Meaux, Ed. ("Boots") Merriman, Jerry Jones, Peter Parker, Alvin Sheider, Wm. Graham, Jas. Combs, Thos. Cole, Mr. "Lawrenceburg," Herbert Churchill, Geo. Hickman, Elmore Taylor, John Wickliffe, Alonzo Reed, master of ceremonies.

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Mr. George W. Talbert gave a song recital at the West Chestnut Street Baptist church last Sunday from 7:30 to 8:20 p. m. It consisted of sacred solos, duets and quartettes.

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Mr. James B. Speed, millionaire philanthropist, made a donation of $500 to the Colored Orphans Home during the past week. Mr. Speed comes from a family distinguished for deeds of charity and heroism and from time immemorial they have been friends and helpers of the colored race. There are no people in Kentucky more beloved by our race than the Speeds's. God bless them one and all.

CORSICANA, TEXAS DOTS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Corsicana is one of the leading cities of the South. Many things to attract and amuse.....The Parker show just closed their season and have gone in winter quarters at Leavenworth, Kans.......Mr. Johnny Mullen, our leading tailor, was taken suddenly ill Sunday, but is better ....Secure The Freeman from Jas. Shaw every Sunday, and get all the leading news, as it is the leading paper....Henry Smith has secured for an attraction a troupe of singers and dancers, Norris Grigsby is cleaning up. Bessie Gamble, Lovie Brooks and Willie Hodge have an act that leaves them screaming. Charley Wallace is the talk after the show.... The Satisfied orchestra gave a social function Thursday night which was a swell affair....Ostel Sallad is a clever trap drummer. The boys rendered some fine music.

RACE GLEANINGS.

Negroes in Salt Lake City entered protest before the city council against the appointment of two men because they both had white wives.

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The Harrisburg, Pa., Advocate-Verdict makes the following significant statement: "The Negroes in Philadelphia, in a single year, in one bank alone, opened 2,045 new accounts, and their entire deposits in all the banks amount to at least $3,500,000."

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For a Negro who has not a trade it is especially hard for him to obtain employment in the District of Columbia. The positions are few, and it is reported that there are ten men after every single position. The average store porter gets no more than $7 per week.

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The Colored Orphan Asylum and Association for the Benefit of Colored Children in the City of New York will be located at Unionvale, N. Y., instead of Rhinebeck, as formerly announced. A deed to the Unionvale property was recently filed in the county clerk's office at Poughkeepsie.

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The warden of the State penitentiary of Columbus, O., has appointed John Berry, a Negro forger from Cleveland, teacher of penmanship in the penitentiary night school. The school is made up of 400 prisoners out of more than 1,400 who applied. The school is popular, since those who attend are not locked in their cells until two hours after the rest of the convicts.

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Irene J. Worthy, a colored woman, fifty-five years old, who was one of five sisters who during slavery times were in the family of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, but who for the past twenty-two years has been a resident of St. Louis, died a few days ago from a paralytic stroke. Miss Belle Levy, of Vicksburg, Miss., was with her and took the body back to that place for burial.

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Dr. W. D. Tardif, a Negro physician, once of Columbia, but living at present in Stanford, Ky., has patented a coupling device which will enable the engineer of a train to uncouple his engine from the rest of the train while seated in his cab, by simply turning a lever. Dr. Tardif is negotiating with several big concerns to manufacture his device, and several railroads are said to be anxious to buy the patent outright.

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Some of the positions held by New York Negroes in the Internal Revenue service are: One collector of internal revenue, $4,500 per year; one examiner of corporations, $3,500 per year; one U. S. internal revenue gauger, $1,400 per year; one division deputy collector, $1,400 per year; one office deputy, $1,200 per year; one stamp deputy, $1,200 per year; one stenographer, $1,200 per year; one corporation deputy, $900 per year; one messenger clerk, $900 per year.

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In a letter to Congressman William S. Bennett, Collector of Port William S. Loeb, Jr., made known a few days ago that there are 234 colored employes in the New York customs service, out of which number Collector Loeb has appointed seventy-four since he assumed office in March, 1909. During his incumbency in office thirty-one Negroes have beeen promoted. The total amount of salary drawn by colored men in the employ of the local service yearly is nearly $35,000.

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The North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association, John Mervick, president; C. C. Spaulding, vice president and general manager; Dr. A. M. Moore, secretary and treasurer, stands at the head of all the Negro insurance companies of the world, and has done a business in eleven years amounting to $2,000,000. Mr. J. M. Avery, assistant manager of the company, is a man of integrity and ability and a credit to the company which he represents. This company has in its employ some of the ablest men of the race.

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The Adjutant General of the army, in his annual report, just issued, pays a high tribute to the colored soldier's reliability. In reporting on desertions in the army, he says the lowest percentage of desertions was among the colored troops. For instance, the desertions from the Twenty-fourth Infantry and Tenth Cavalry, both colored, were but 1.33 and 1.52 per cent. of the whole number, while the per cent. of desertions in the white troops reached the high rate of 3.77 per cent. of the whole number.

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A striking illustration of the respect entertained by white people in the South for worthy colored folk was a meeting of the Richmond Bar Association, a few days ago, for the purpose of taking action relative to the death of Edward S. Brown, colored, who had for forty years served as janitor and assistant in the State Law Library. Resolutions were adopted reciting that "Edward S. Brown was a man who well deserved and fully reecived the unqualified respect and confidence of bench and bar. His faithfulness to his duties, his respectful and respectable demeanor, his kindliness and willingness to oblige were deserving of the highest praise."

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A few days ago John W. Thomas, a Negro, planked down something like $10,000 cash for a piece of farming land south of Hutchinson. Thomas also closed the deal about the same time for the sale of a farm southwest of town for $15,000. Thirty years ago Thomas came to Kansas without a dollar and took odd jobs such as he could get. But unlike the majority of his people, he did not stay in the city, but sought the country and began farming. To-day Thomas is worth not less than $50,000, owns a couple of farms and some city property, has a touring car and enjoys other luxuries of life. He has wrung every dollar of it from Kansas soil by hard work. — Hutchinson (Kans.) News.

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The Catherine Street A. M. E. Zion Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., of which Rev. A. L. Judd is pastor, one of the oldest colored churches in that section of New York, will soon have a new house of worship. Hon. W. W. Smith, one of Poughkeepsie's wealthiest citizens, has given the congregation $20,000 outright for the erection of a church, with the provision that the people would raise enough money to grade the ground and furnish the building. Already this amount has been subscribed. The building has been designed by leading architects of that city, and the work on the building will start as soon as the grading is over. All citizens there are loud in their praise of Mr. Smith's practical interest in the progress of the colored people.

ADDYSTON, O.

Death of Prominent Woman—General News of Interest—Personal Mention.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The news of the death of Mrs. Lulu Smith, of Delhi, was received Saturday evening and was quite a shock to the residents of the village. Mrs. Smith had been in ill health for some time, and her death was expected at most any time. The funeral was held Monday morning, at the First Baptist Church, and was presided over by Rev. George Lewis, pastor. Mrs. Smith was a faithful member in good standing in the church and also a member of the choir. The funeral was largely attended, and many tributes were paid by prominent ministers and friends. The deceaves leaves a husband, one daughter, four brothers and two sisters and a father to mourn her loss, besides a host of Christian friends. The remains were laid to rest in the Cleves Cemetery....The Freeman correspondent here is making a personal effort to secure subscriptions, as the holiday offer is one dollar and a life-size picture of Booker T. Washington....The three successful persons winning tickets for free admission to the moving picture show were Mrs. Thos. Jones, L. Stoneking and G. Coleman, each person guessing the same name, "Pastime"....The city council meetings are held each Tuesday evening at the city jail court room, and are open to any citizen desiring to attend the meetings....The work on the basement of the First Baptist Church is about finished and will be completed at a cost of $800, and will be, when finished, free from all incumbrances. W. H. Brannon has been laboring very hard on the work, ably assisted by the members and the pastor, Rev. S. D. Sanders, D. D. The new pews are expected to arrive on or about the 15th of this month....The children's choir at the Baptist Church is meeting with success. Mrs. Lulu Jackson, general organist, has charge, assisted by the pastor, Rev. S. D. Sanders....The Ladies' Home and Foreign Mission Society is meeting with much success and has done much to defray the expenses of the church work. Mrs. Charlie Banks, a prominent member of the choir, is president, and Mrs. Rilla Higgins is secretary....Mack Lucas, president of the B. Y. P. U. at the Baptist Church, has built up one of the best organizations in the church. Mr. Lucas is a member of the choir and a man of great influence as a church worker. The B. Y. P. U. has also done its part in the work of the church....S. B. Bryant, of Columbus, O., formerly of this place, is now in the hospital, suffering from a stroke of paralysis. At last report he was improving....The S. H. Pillow Hall will be prepared for the Christmas social and ball given on Monday evening, December 26, owing to Christmas Eve coming on Saturday evening. Good music will be furnished....All of the children that can possibly be ushered into servivce for the program at the Baptist Church will be called upon in the remaining few days. Superintendent Charlie Banks expects to make his Sabbath school the banner school of Hamilton county by putting into service every conceivable idea that will inspire the minds of the children in the work....Mr. Robert Bruce, of Cleves, was in our village Monday evening on business....E. J. Taylor is the only colored man holding a position as a city employe under the present administration. Mr. Taylor is a leading member of the Baptist Church and a very prominent citizen....Rev. S. D. Sanders and W. H. Brannon were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Lucas at dinner, Sunday....Mrs. S. H. Pillow and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams were visitors in the city Sunday....Mr. William Dickerson, grand master of the Masonic Lodge of this district, was a business visitor in the city Monday....The members of the Foraker Social Club gave a social and dance Thanksgiving evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayes, at North Bend....John Henry Neal, who received quite a bad eye at the pipe works, is much better....Mrs. Mary Collier, proprietor of the Busy Bee Restaurant, has resumed her position at her restaurant, after an illness of several days....The supper and ball given at the Town Hall, Monday evening, by the members of the Halley's Comet Knights of Honor Lodge, was quite a success. Addresses were made by W. H. Brannon and State Grand Protector John Fielding, of Cincinnati, O....Clinton Gaines, janitor at the city court house, has been quite ill for the past week, and is taking a two weeks' lay-off. J. W. Gaines, his father, took up the work Monday....Mr. and Mrs. William Ruffins and family, of Norwood, O., and Mose Lewis, of Covington, Ky., were the guests of J. W. Gaines and mother, Mrs. Clara Gaines, Thanksgiving day....Don't forget the great holiday offer—The Freeman for one year for $1 and the life-size picture of Booker T. Washington....The Negroes of this village own and control $10,000 worth of real estate. Much could be said along this line of progress among the race, and it is being carefully prepared by the correspondent for publication soon. The enterprises which are being conducted by the race are doing much good. J. W. Gaines and S. H. Pillow are the two most prominent and successful colored business men, and each is doing much and owns considerable real estate....Any person failing to subscribe for The Freeman during the great holiday offer will be making a great mistake. 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MARION, IND.

Society Events—A Musicale—Wedding Anniversary.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

One of the most elaborate affairs, carried out completely in unique style, ever held in society circles, was that of the Thanksgiving banquet given by the Just-a-Few Club, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price, 515 East Third street. An excellent musical program was rendered. Miss Leona Nickles sang in her usual sweet manner, "The Moonlight, the Rose and You." Covers were placed for twenty-one. A most delightful time was enjoyed by all....Mrs. Frank Weaver entertained at dinner, Sunday, Mrs. Chelsa Frazier, Mrs. A. L. Weaver, of Chicago, and Mr. Geo. Artis....Mrs. Anna P. Julius has returned from Urbana, O., where she spent Thanksgiving with relatives....The Sorosis Club will repeat their play, entitled "The Modern Sewing Society," Tuesday, December 6, at Allen Temple Church....Mrs. Harrison Mitchel is on the sick list....Miss Flossie Thompson, of Fairmount, Ind.; Miss Houston, of Muncie; Mr. Homer Dickens, of Fairmount, and Mr. Newsome, of Muncie, were in this city Sunday....Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nolan celebrated their twelfth wedding anniversary Friday, November 25, at their home on South Nebraska street. They were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents. An excellent musical program was rendered by some of Marion's best talent. A partial list of those present follows: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. George Moss, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Morrell, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Burden, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Claybrooks, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dyson, Mesdames John W. Burden, F. B. Ferguson, Minnie Marshall, John Wallace, Ida Morgan, Emma L. Pettiford, Charles Spires, Dulcie Pace, Blanche Akers, Sherman Curtis, Jennie Johnson, Alice Gulliford, Thomas Nukes, R. D. Scott, J. F. Pettiford of Muncie, V. K. Fortson of Logansport, Rhetta Moss of Indianapolis, S. L. Holiday, Frank Weaver, Amos Nickles, Madison Knox, Gurney Pettiford, Charles Waldron, Henry Billups, A. J. Cromwell, and Misses Myrtle Gilliford, Irene Martin, Essie Dante, Elma Kinney, Laverna Curtis, Emma Burden, Jessie and Carrie Greer, Beatrice Wadkins, Ada Jordan, Sallie Conway, Alice Dyson, Violetta Bray, Floda Williams, Blanche Ferguson, and Messrs. Oliver Harris, Otto Pettiford and Kid Harper....Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Martin entertained with an elaborate six o'clock dinner, Sunday, at their beautifully appointed home at 1999 South Meridian street, in honor of the house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nolan. Covers were laid for twelve. Four courses were served, which included all the delicacies of the season. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Martin were: Mrs. J. F. Pettiford and daughter Lyla, of Muncie; Mrs. C. J. Lewis and R. W. Fortson, of Logansport; Miss May Eagelson, of Bloomington; Miss Etta Brebony, of Kokomo; Mr. Nelson Kincade, of Indianapolis, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nolan. Music and conversation furnished the diversions of a most delightful evening....The Sorosis Club enjoyed a most pleasant meeting, November 24, at an indoor picnic held at the home of Mrs. John Wallace, 922 South Nebraska street....Mrs. R. L. Julius delightfully entertained the members of the Sorosis Club, Wednesday afternoon, at her home on East First street. Social day was observed....The Zella D. Johnson Mite Missionary Society met Thursday afternoon at the parlors of Bethel Church....The Euridice Club was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Miss Emma Lee....The Odd Fellows' Lodge held its bi-monthly meeting Monday night....Mrs. Henry Bippley, of West Eleventh street, entertained the members of the Amanda Smith Club, Thursday afternoon.

U. S. WHITE SAILORS OBJECT TO COLORED SAILORS ESCORTING PARISIAN GIRLS.

The riot which occurred here during the visit of the United States fleets was due to the fact that the colored tars took better with the Parisian girls than did the white ones. The row started from the fact that several of the Southern states white sailors made insulting remarks to the colored men when they entered the cafe with white girls. A sailor remarked that a "Nigger" would never think of walking into a restaurant or on the street with a white woman. Before he could finish his remarks the colored men pounced upon the man who made the remark and a general melee took place. The women ran into the kitchen of the restaurant and no harm was done them. The fight was a beautiful affair. For a time it was a hand to hand fight. When the white sailors began to lose they drew their knives and began to slash right and left, but they were met in this particular and were worsted, whereupon one man broke through a great plate glass window and flew for the station, where trains would take him to his ship, the colored boys having blocked the doorway. The great crash of the plate glass and fleeing tar, besmeared with blood, caused great excitement, and a general call was sent in for the police, who came in great haste. Out of the eight colored tars one was cut severely and had to be taken to the hospital and had to have his arm bandaged from a knife cut, while there were ten white sailors lying on the floor unconscious from loss of blood and the rain of heavy blows from tables, pitchers and everything else that would repel the onslaught of a set of white ruffians who have seen and taken hand in many a lynching in the South. From all accounts there were about fifty white American sailors in the cafe at the time of the fracas.—Chicago Defender.

THE TUSKEGEE NEGRO CONFERENCE.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The twentieth annual session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference will convene at Tuskegee Institute on Wednesday and Thursday, January 18 and 19, 1911.

On Wednesday, the first day, the Tuskegee Negro Conference will be held. Among the topics to be discussed are: Making Farming Pay, Successful Truck Farming, Fruit Raising, Live Stock and Poultry Raising, Cotton Raising, How to Successfully Manage a Large Plantation, and How to Make a Living on a Small Farm.

A number of prominent white planters are expected to be present, and the question of making tenant farming more profitable both to the landlord and to the tenant will be discussed somewhat at length.

On Thursday, the annual Workers' Conference will be held. On this occasion an unusually large number of persons directly engaged in Negro education from the schools of the South especially those interested in the uplift of the Negro, are expected to be present. Among the subjects that will be taken up at the Workers' Conference is the following: How can ministers, teachers and business men assist the farmers to make agricultural more profitable, particularly by assisting in teaching farmers more efficient methods of framing, and also to develop the business side of farming.

The indications are that the coming annual Tuskegee Negro Conference will be the largest and most successful of all the conferences held at Tuskegee Institute.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. George D. Washington died Friday of last week and was buried Sunday. The funeral was largely attended by both colored and white. He was a devoted Christian....Mrs. Addie Johnson has sent away for a piano, and expects to get it by Christmas....The wedding of Mr. David Taylor and Mrs. Mabel Russell took place recently....Mr. Thomas Merriman has bought George Merriman and Thomas, Jr., a flute, and expects for them to learn by Christmas.

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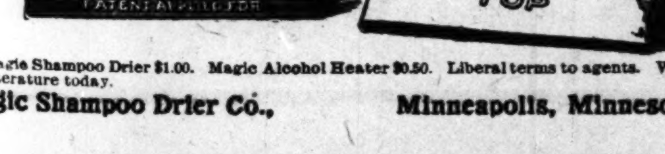

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Remember, the work is on my heart as much as ever, and my editorial service will be improved, if anything, by my release from the little details that consume so much time. The January number will score. Don't fail to subscribe in time to get it. Address me as before, at the Nashville office.

I rely upon our bishops to see to the interest of this publication, as they have always done.

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NEWS FROM COLUMBIA, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Central Missouri Teachers' Association convened last week at the St. Paul A. M. E. Church, with a large attendance....The concert given at St. Paul Hall by Miss Eva Esteson, November 24, was a great success and largely attended....Revival meetings are going on at the A. M. E. Church. Rev. Cross has secured the services of Rev. Spencer Robison, of Higbee, Mo., who is an able evangelist....Mr. H. G. Gregor had as guests for Thanksgiving dinner, his mother and brother, G. L. Gregor, and family....Mr. Leon Rumoms, Miss Nellie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hicks spent Thanksgiving in Kansas City, Mo. ....The Columbia football team defeated Boonville, November 24, 6 to 0.... Mr. Coye Miller was seriously injured by a kick from a mule last Sunday.... Mrs. W. J. Anderson Williams, of Montgomery; Miss Lizzie Smith, of Quincy, Ill.; Miss Edna Schwerch, of Appleton City, Mo., and Miss Bessie Jacobs, of Montrose, Mo., spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Alice E. Williams....Miss Mildred Williams, of Lincoln Institute, spent Thanksgiving at home—Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Taylor entertained several friends last Friday evening....Mrs. N. T. Baker was very ill, but is now convalescent. ....Mr. Wm. Holt was on the sick list last week....The remains of Charles Pazar were brought home November 28. He was a member of Universal Lodge, No. 65, of Chicago. The Masons of Columbia performed the funeral ceremony. ....The True Reformers gave on Tuesday night last a grand banquet, which was largely attended....The fourth grand ball given by the Jolly Five Social Club, at the U. B. F. Hall, was a grand success.

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS AT BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Katie Taylor Lewis, formerly of Marshall, Mich., but now a resident of Chicago, Ill., is critically ill at her home in that city, of heart trouble....Mrs. Carrie Foster is very ill at her home on Grove street....Miss Cleo Clark, of Ottumwa, Ia., is visiting in this city as the guest of relatives and friends....A very beautiful farewell reception was tendered the Rev. V. S. Cooper, our beloved pastor, on Wednesday, November 23, by the Musical Club and friends. About twenty guests were present, and Rev. and Mrs. Cooper were presented with a handsome set of dishes. They left for their new field of labor on Monday morning, November 28. May the blessings of God be with them....Miss Vera White, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who has been visiting in this city as the guest of Miss Emily Griffin, has returned to her home....The Pastor's Aid of the A. M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. W. Watkins last week....Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Gaines and Miss Cleo Clark, of Ottumwa, Ia., at Thanksgiving dinner....The Second Baptist Church held its regular business meeting last Friday evening, and called the Rev. O. T. Judge, of Elgin, Ill., as pastor. He will fill the pulpit on the first Sunday in December. All are invited to come and hear him. ....The stewardess of the A. M. E. Church served Thanksgiving dinner at the church, and about $26 was cleared. ....The Freeman can be found at 50 Warren street. Glad Williams, agent.

LOUISIANA, MO., NEWS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Oaks is very ill this week with la grippe....Uncle Sam (Doc) Thurman fell at his home last week and fractured two of his ribs. We hope he will soon be out again....There is a great deal of sickness in our city....Mr. Perry Davis is very low this week, suffering with consumption of the bowels....Mrs. A. M. Robinson spent Friday and Saturday in St. Louis, visiting friends....Mr. Wm. Johnson and wife, of Clarksville, were visiting in our city Thursday....Wm. Braxton spent Thanksgiving in Clarksville and enjoyed a fine turkey dinner. ....We are glad to learn the good selection the Baptist Church made in choosing Elder Carter, of Evansville, Ind., as their pastor. Elder Carter carried on a revival meeting here about two months ago and made many friends. He came to our city highly recommended by the Rev. Bishop Mack....The three colored churches of our city served their annual Thanksgiving dinner and all had much success....Mrs. Nannie Owens was up from Clarksville attending the Eastern Star....Mr. W. M. Robinson made a business trip to Hannibal, Saturday, and returned Sunday morning... We are offering you The Freeman for the next thirty days for $1 a year. Call and see Wm. Braxton, the agent, 401 South Third street, or send him word, and he will go and see you. This is your last opportunity for twelve long months. Give him your order. Now is the time.

SOCIETY AND CHURCHES—JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

A very pleasant witch party was given recently in honor of the fourteenth birthday of Isabella Blue at her home on South Koskiokia street. About twenty of her little friends were present. All came dressed as witches....Mr. and Mrs. Sug. Blue and daughter, Vivian, and son, William, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Moore, November 24.... Miss Anna Tucker and sister, Nannie, of Louisana, Mo., were Jacksonville visitors on Thanksgiving....Miss Henrietta Moseley left recently for Galesburg, Ill., to reside....The union Thanksgiving services were held on Thanksgiving morning at the Bethel A. M. E. church and an excellent program was rendered. Music was furnished by the choir of the A. M. E. church. All the pastors of the churches were present and also Rev. Cotter, of Kentucky.... Mrs. Katharine Haithman royally entertained a number of old folks at her home on South Prairie street on Thanksgiving. ....Rev. and Mrs. Mason and daughter, Mrs. Lillian Burrill, are now pleasantly domiciled at 429 South West street in a beautiful modern flat building....Dr. Mason was a visitor in Jerseyville recently and preached at a white Baptist church before a large congregation in the morning and to a large congregation of our own race in the evening....Mr. Albert Moore is running a first class horse shoeing shop on North Sandy street. Mr. Moore is an experienced horse shoer.... Rev. G. W. Brown, of Quincy, Ill., preached several able sermons at the Mt. Emery Baptist church recently....There is much sickness in our city. Among the sick are the following persons: Mrs. Ada Johnson, Mrs. Charlotte Barnett, Mrs. Henry Harold, Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mrs. Carrie Williams, Fred Stewart, Jessie Carter, Annie Campbell....The little child of Mrs. Emmett Mosely is still very ill....The supper at the McCabe church, November 24th, was largely attended....Miss Mary Gaines is still in the city visiting friends....Dr. Mason also preached to a large congregation recently in Louisiana, Mo......Mr. Marion Mason and brother, Chestine, of Michigan, spent Thankegiving with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Mason....Mrs. Mason is on the sick list....Dr. A. H. Kinniebrew was a Springfield visitor recently....Rev. Cotter preached an able sermon on November 25th at the Second Christian church....Mrs. Joseph Wheeler entertained a few friends at an excellent luncheon recently in honor of Miss Dora Butler and Sophia Thomas, of Hadley, Ill. ....Miss Mazie Roberts left recently for Danville, Ill., to live....Mrs. Margaret Mullen, of Missouri, was called to the city recently on account of the illness of Mrs. Louisa Wright, of Sinclair, Ill....Mr. and Mrs. Harper, of Peoria, Ill., were visitors at the home of Mrs. Lida Moores....The funeral of Mildreth Loretta Gray, the little child of Mr. and Mrs. William Gray, was held Saturday afternoon, November 26th, at the residence on South Ebey street. Rev. Allen Miller had charge of the services. Interment was in the East cemetery....Mrs. Dr. A. H. Kinniebrew, who has been very ill does not seem to improve much....Mr. and Mrs. W. M. House royally entertained company in honor of their daughter Miss Dora Butler, of Hadley, Ill. and also Mrs. Sophia Thomas, of Hadley, Ill. She also entertained a company of friends Friday night, November 25th. Music was furnished by Garfield Black... Mrs. A. B. Strong entertained a company of young friends in honor of her niece, Era Cook, on her sixteenth birthday. Music was furnished by Everett Cook, Nellie Switzerland, Alice Williams and Ethel Straun. Excellent refreshments were served.

POLITICAL INVENTORY.

To-Day, Yesterday and To-Morrow.

Rev. Dr. J. Milton J. Waldron, the national organizer and first president of the National Independent (formerly the National Negro American) Political League, gave out a statement recently with regard to the activities of the colored voters in the campaign just closed. This league has headquarters in Washington and New York City, and in conjunction with the New England Suffrage League, the National Democratic League and the United Colored Democracy of the State of New York, carried on a vigorous campaign against the Republican Gubernatorial nominee in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Ohio, and certain Republican congressional candidates in these States and in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

Rev. Mr. Waldron said: "Our League and the other three political organizations of the race associated with it had two score and more campaign speakers and organizers at work weeks before the election in the States mentioned above, creating a sentiment against the Republican party and arousing the race to vote with the Democrats. Those workers distributed tons of printed matter among the colored voters and delivered hundreds of addresses to them.

"We have waited to hear from these workers and from the officers of the local and state branches of the league before making any claim with regard to the number of colored men who voted the Democratic ticket in the last election, as we wished to base our statements upon facts. From reports received we feel justified in saying that of the 45,000 colored voters in New York state, 30,000 voted for Mr. Dix, and of the 75,000 in Ohio, 55,000 at least, supported Govetrnor Harman, while in Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts, Missouri, and New Jersey not less less than fifty per cent voted with the Democrats. These conclusions are based upon the number of colored men who attended the rallies and other meetings of the respective parties and upon the number who wore the Democratic and Republican badges and colors on election day at the polls when they went in to vote. In almost every instance there were from three to four times more colored men at the Democratic meetings than there were at the Republican gatherings; and the proportion of colored voters at the polling places who wore Democratic badges were four or five times greater than those who wore the Republican badge. With these estimates agree the reports of many of the more prominent colored Republican campaign workers and speakers in the states above mentioned whom we have conversed with confidentially, since the election. And it is a significant fact that every Republican Gubernatorial candidate, and most of the Republican nominees for congress, whom the league opposed, were defeated by an overwhelming majority.

"It would seem that while Col. Roosevelt's advocacy of, or opposition to, certain candidates in New York and Ohio did not materially change the white vote either way, it drove the colored voters away from the candidates he favored and sent them in large numbers into the ranks of those he opposed.

"While the determination to 'Remember Brownsville' was strong on the part of many colored voters in Massachusetts, New York and Ohio, where the Colonel's personality entered into the campaign, yet this is not sufficient to account for the large numbers of Negroes who voted the Democratic ticket in these states where neither Mr. Roosevelt nor Brownsville was made an issue, for example, Tennessee, Missouri, and New Jersey.

"The treachery of the Republican party to the race during the last twenty-five years, and the determination of the intelligent and thoughtful colored voters to make friends with all political parties—and not Brownsville—are the causes of this wholesale revolt on the uart of the Negro voters from the G. O. P. to the Democratic party, and this disaffection will increase from year to year and abide if the Democrats will deal wisely and fairly with the colored people of this country.

"The league has already begun to prepare for the presidential campaign of 1912. It intends pushing with vigor and unabated zeal the work of organiza-tion and education of the race along political lines in order to be in a position to deliver a telling blow against any party or candidate who is, or shall, show itself inimicable to American citizens of color."

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The sacred concert given at the A. M. E. church November 30th was the best in recent years. Every number was above par, and Prof. Bynum acquitted himself creditably in the role of director. Lack of space prevents enumeration of participants. The church was taxed to its capacity, while many were turned away. ....Back to Africa mass meeting was a S. R. O. event at the Tabernacle church, Sunday, November 20th, the African fever was intensified by the opening address of Rev. Hill, which increased following Rev. Gordon's talk, outlining the procedure of acqusition of land and other concessions from the Liberian government. On the report of Rev. Gordon, special envoy from California, hinges the future of the Negroes. $200.00 being the collection taken up, plans are being made to raise $300.00 more prior to Rev. Gordon's departure, January 1st....The dance given in honor of Leland's Chicago Giants ball team was largely patronized. The grand march was led by Harry Majors of Chicago, who cut a few frills and stunts for the pleasure of the angels. High compliments were paid McVea's orchestra.....The Y. M. P. E. entertained the Swastika club Tuesday afternoon and evening to turkey dinner and dancing at the Odd Fellow's Hall. The Swastika club are termed the "Gushing Buds of Innocences"..... Unable to cope with the alluring blandishments of cupid, two more couples have maed the matrimonial leap. The personages are Paul Armstrong and Miss Faley, and J. W. Holt and Miss Marguerite Hawkins; marriages solemnized by Rev. Peck ....On the sick list are Madames R. E. Daniels, F. J. Kinchim, H. Owens, Mrs. Thompson, all at the California hospital ....Little Miss Kathleen Bray is subagent for The Freeman....The Y. M. C. A. is running night school now under the direction of Prof. T. A. Green....Get The Freeman from Q. G. Eggleston, 812 Maple avenue.

INDEPENDENCE, KANS.

The recent society event was the reception given in honor of Mrs. Julia Porter, of Winfield, Kans. Mr. Frank Dehart, chef of the county club, served the lunch. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wickles, Misses Wickles and Dearborn, Mesdames Woods and Banks and Master Woods. Music by Prof. Charles Woods. A solo was rendered by Mr. Manuel Felain.

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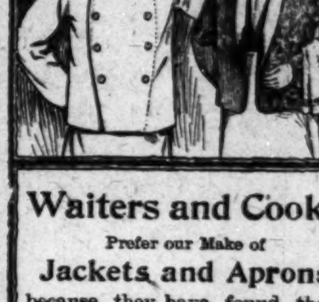

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The Colored Y. M. C. A. flag is up. Don't let it trail in the dust.

A new home for the Colored Y. M. C. A. is assured, and everybody is happy.

Thinking people fairly agree that Mrs. Eddy's discovery was more than a notion.

The coal bin is not holding its own against this Jack Johnson kind of weather. Cheer up, however, for this ain't a "patchin'" yet.

Well, the message was good and safe anyhow. This, owing to the disposition of Mr. Taft, who looks as if he could commit no political offense. His political virtue is his chief asset.

Send for the likeness of Booker T. Washington. Positively a work of art. It will look well in any collection. We give it away with the reduced price of The Freeman—$1.00 per year subscription until the first of January.

A school teacher down in the State some place felt called on to tell his pupils that there was no such thing as Santa Claus. The mammas didn't do a thing but go to the schoolhouse and "ball him out." They were right—the old bachelor!

William H. Morris, colored, has been appointed to the office force of John Rauch, the incoming county clerk. Mr. Rauch says that Mr. Morris was appointed in recognition of the support the colored people gave him in the last election. That's the way to do it.

A colored porter of Philadelphia, Steven Bundy, has been relieved of a continuous service of twenty-seven years. It is said that he has property worth $140,000 which he bought out of his savings. After all, the sleeping car porter gags are not without foundation. Perhaps Bundy isn't worth as much as he is cracked up to be, yet it is evident that he is worth considerable money.

A Negro leader of national reputation said to us a few days ago that the fact that the Negro voter contributed to the political reversal in New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, etc., should not be lost sight of. He is a stanch Republican, but he declared the independent Negroes had taught the party a lesson it should not forget. He further admitted that a division of the Negro vote, based on intelligence and economic lines, means the ultimate recognition and safety of that vote.—In the Star of Zion.

A New York report has it that three thousand barbers have combined to suppress the safety razor by legislation. It looks as if the safety were getting in its work. It is hard on the barbers, but the relief prayed for is scarcely to be expected. The little machines and the big ones have cut down workingmen like the mower cuts down grass; but who will doubt the blessing that the machine has brought to mankind? The safety razor is also a machine, and, while it cuts in on the barbers, yet more than likely it is here to stay.

President Taft's message was generous in length, taxing the patience of the average man to plow through it. But long or short the messages of Presidents will be important as long as the heads of government mean as much as they do to-day. The policies of the nation are reeflcted in them. They are always indicative of the calibre of the administration; where the citizen and historian learn to estimate its value. They are symposiums of political economy, teaching the greater principles of present practices and in the meanwhile giving most useful information along the line of governmental operations, which is the most authentic source of history.

MRS. MARY BAKER G. EDDY PASSES AWAY.

Whatever the world may think of the teachings of Mrs. Eddy will be immaterial to the hundreds of thousands throughout civilization who have been converted to her way of thinking. Hundreds of thousands of intelligent people are not given to accepting a shadow as the basis of their faith and activities, wherein is concerned in some part their future state. It is fair to presume that the substance, some convincing evidence of what Mrs. Eddy taught, came within the precincts of their consciousness and with which they grappled and held, demonstrating again and again the reality of the contention.

Mrs. Eddy, it appears, was not so much bent on her discovery being known as Christian Science at the beginning in the sense of a direct teaching of Jesus Christ. But as she conceived it, reconciled it with some of His manifestations, hence not contrary to the Christ idea in part, incorporating mental manifestation and corporeal magnetism and the rest of it of spiritual aspect, and perhaps invaded the realm of spiritualism itself as it is thought to be known.

The unbelievers in Mrs. Eddy's faith have no clear knowledge as to what Christian Science really does teach. Many of the unbelievers have until the very recent years thought of the creed as a great big jest, and founded on religious fanaticism and spiritual overenthusiasm. The outside world has begun to believe that there's something in it. How much or how little is the question. With the great and important discoveries in the material world, seemingly, have come along these in the spiritual world, as if they were to keep company always, always.

In fact, it appears an old truth, like electricity was an old truth, an old, unapplied truth that the germs of this soul manifestation were long in the world, known by the few—those wise men of the East, the Hindoostan and his kind, whole eastern Asia, where the derided occult sets, furnishing us now and then a Blavatsky as high priestess and interpreter. These men, who had no physical manifestation, no great civilization to prosecute, have developed soul, maybe, and which perhaps is some phase of the same thing as worked out by Mrs. Eddy when she was thinking, wondering and sorrowing.

We undertake to say nothing of the matter. We simply speculate, striking out in the dark, hoping to arrive at the solid rock as the others do. We, with others, think that that famed woman knew of what she spoke. She taught a high moral formula, at least. If it were not a passport for the hereafter, it answers fairly ideally for this world. And the supreme tests of fitness for this world, in the best sense, is a great step towards future happiness.

And we may as well conclude that her truths were as tenable for the making of the hereafter as the creeds of a thousand other schisms that promise a safe landing.

LEST HE FORGETS.

The white man party in the South was so stunned by the results of the last election that it is still gasping for breath.—The Philadelphian.

And let us hope that the white man Democratic party of the South was so agreeably stunned that he will forget all about the proposed disfranchisement propaganda that was to flourish about Washington, D. C. Not that we have lost confidence in the bulwarks of defense, but because eternal assault is not conducive to good temperament. And who is it that desires to be riled up all of the time? The Negroes have played their best card, their final card, and, we hope, not in vain.

DEATH CLAIMS SOME WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

News of Society and Church from Pensacola, Fla.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss L. Hale entertained quite a number of her friends last Thursday night at her home on North 18th avenue, in honor of her guest, Miss Annie May Olive, of Jacksonville, Fla. A very enjoyable time was spent by those of the younger set.... Pensacola is having some very cold weather now and heavy wraps are in great demand....Mr. L. P. Miller is still on the sick list. His many friends hope he will soon be out again....Mr. Elisha, of Notrh C street, died last week. He had been ill for some time....Mr. and Mrs. Mack McLane, who have been residing in the bay shore for some time, have moved into the city and are located on West Government street....News was received last week of the death of Miss Fannie Jones at Portsmouth, Va. It was a great shock to her father and brothers who reside in this city and her many friends. Her remains were buried in Virginia....Miss Katie Johnson, of North 9th avenue, has been on the sick list, but to the delight of her many friends she is out again....Mr. John Boyle has been on the sick list for the past few days, but is out again......Several social events are planned for the holidays by the social set ....Mr. Richard Stollworth, of North A street, has been on the sick list for the past week. It is hoped by his many friends that he will be out soon....A grand entertainment was given at Allen Chapel A. M. E. church last week. A very interesting musical program and debate was heard by a very large crowd.... "The Cuban Spy," a drama, was given at the K. of P. castle hall last Tuesday night, November 28th, by the pupils of Public School, No. 31. It was a very fine play and everybody was well pleased. A large crowd was in attendance...... Miss Georgia Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, died last Wednesday, November 30, at Eevergreen, Ala. Her remains were brought to this city and buried Thursday morning. A great many friends attended the service...... Mr. Percy Terrell, of Atlanta, Ga., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie White, of West Larna street....Mrs. James Frederick, who has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, is out again....The Freeman can be found at the Belmont Street Thetater every Saturday night. Don't forget......Address all news to Walker W. Thomas and leave it at the Pensacola drug store, and stop and get a Freeman. All colored news....Mr. L. Rogers, of Chicago, Ill., who has been visiting in this city, left for his home. He was accompanied by his neighbor, Matthew Steward, Jr.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Doings of Society and Happenings in General at the Northern City.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Margaret Wright arrived in the city last week from Chicago, Ill....Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Christian have moved to Chicago....The members of the Pilgrim Baptist church and society held their annual meeting on December 2d. Messrs. Lee Coleman and J. J. Billups were elected trustees. Mr. Benj. Stephens was elected deacon....Dr. and Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Mrs. P. A. Payton and Mrs. W. T. Francis were guests of honor at an afternoon tea given by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, in New York City, Monday, November 28....Mr. and Mrs. W. Evans have moved to 447 Charles street ....Mrs. Harriet Murphy is spending the winter in Chicago with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Haynes....Rev. E. H. McDonald preached the annual memorial services for the Elks last Sunday night....Mrs. Jos. Worley has returned from Canada...... Mrs. E. H. McDonald accidentally stepped on a nail last week and has been confined to her home....Mr. R. M. Johnson has been called to Chicago to attend the funeral of his mother....The Civic and Industrial League held a banquet at Guild Hall on December 9th. The meeting was well attended....The annual charity ball given on November 29th for the benefit of the Crispus Attucks Old Folks Home and Colored Orphanage, was quite a success financially. The annex to the dormitory is being completed....Mrs. Jane Watson, of Mason City, Iowa, has moved to the city and has taken up her abode in the Terry flat....Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander have moved on a farm near Keokuk, Iowa....Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Holmes will no doubt return to the city in the near future. Mr. Holmes has been converted and joined the church....Miss Mary Fletcher is improving nicely at the hospital in Walker, Minn....The Gateway Investment Company has taken on new life and the officers are very hopeful of the future of the company. They own and control several houses in the city, and hope to invest in farm land....Mr. Samuel Ransom has returned from Nashville, Tenn., where he coached the foot ball team for Meharry College.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Doings Among the Lodges.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

J. H. Bobson attended the Elks' memorial services in Pittsburg Sunday....Mrs. Jmaes Chenney has moved from Watts street to the Oak Hill A. M. E. church parsonage....Mr. Coleman, of St. Louis avenue, was taken seriously ill last week, but is better at this writing....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curtis are now located at 618 Himrod avenue....Mrs. Etta Lacey will leave for Paris in a short time....J. V. Stewart has added a restaurant to his cafe at 241 East Boardman street.... Mrs Watkins, of West Rayen avenue, is on the sick list....The Elks' social committee will arrange a masque ball in the Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday evening, December 14....Logan Lodge, No. 4, K. of P. will meet Wednesday evening, December 14th, in their hall and will elect officers for the ensuing term. All members are requested to be present. Thomas Lonesome, C. C.; J. A. Jones, K. R. and S....The Mahoning Band are making arrangements for a carnival during Christmas week in the Auditorium rink, beginning December 26. Music will be furnished by the band and booths will be erected which will be granted free to the churches of the city.......The Buckeye Lodge of Elks, No. 73, will hold their memorial services Sunday afternoon, December 11th, and a program has been prepared. All members are requested to be at the lodge room at 12:30 p. m., and will march to the church in a body. G. M. Fagan, exalted ruler; J. H. Bobson, secretary....Those wishing the Christmas number of The Freeman should leave their order at John Moore's shoe and cigar stand, East Boardman street, or notify Wm. Saunders, local agent, at an early date.

CANNONSBURG, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Anna Betts, who has been on the sick list, is somewhat improved....Mrs. Wola Shearrow, who is at the Canonsburg hospital, suffering from a broken arm, is getting along nicely....The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler, and left them very happy with a daughter.... Mrs. Helen Bartlett and daughter, Clara, have returned home from a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Williamson, of Zanesville, O......Master John Philips is dangerously ill at his home, 205 West Pike street......A new order of K. of P. was set up in Canonsburg last Friday night.

DECATUR, ILL.

Large Sum Raised at Church Entertainment—House Japanese Style.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. George Nickens entertained fifteen relatives at an elaborate dinner on Sunday, December 4, in honor of Mr. William Nickens, Sr., of Yellowsprings, O. He leaves Monday for Muskogee, Okla., to spend the winter with his son, Mr. Edward Nickens....Mr. B. F. Cousins is putting the finishing touches on his seven-room house. The peculiar feature is that it is the only house of its kind in Decatur, having a Japanese style roof of the Pagoda pattern. The house was designed and built by Mr. Cousins....Mrs. Mammie Moore received word that her mother was very low and not expected to live. She will leave for Birmingham Sunday night ....Rev. J. T. Morrow spent last week in Kentucky, visiting Lexington and Louisville on business....The Thanksgiving dinner given by the stewardesses of St. Peter's A. M. E. church was a fine success. They cleared $103.15....The trustees put in a new $22.50 gas range for the stewardesses....Mrs. A. D. Cecil and Mrs. Ellen Jackson and Mrs. Lula McReynolds, Miss Frances Cecil and Miss Ivadell Rogan spent last Sunday in Bloomington. They were entertained at a five o'clock dinner at the home of Miss Emma Smith ....You are missing the chance of your life by not subscribing for The Freeman at only one dollar a year. Wm. Nickens, old phone 3432.

MT. VERNON, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Lula Towns, of Howard, O., spent last Friday visiting friends and relatives in Mt. Vernon....Grant Stewart, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of Springfield, O., died November 28, of convulsions. Mrs. Brown is the sister of Mrs. Harry Lathers....Mrs. Ida Williams, of Erie, Pa., who was visiting her sister, Mrs. George Lites, of East Chestnut street, has returned to her home.... Mr. and Mrs. George Key have returned to East Liverpool, O., where they will make their future home....Club No. 1, of the A. M. E. church, will give a supper on December 21, from 4 to 7 o'clock, and living pictures at 8 o'clock, followed by bazaar, admission 10 cents....The ladies of our city met at the home of Msr. Alice Ray last Tuesday afternoon and organized a branch of the W. C. T. U., and elected the following officers: Mrs. Alice Ray, president; Mrs. M. M. Toomey, secretary; Mrs. Bertha Payne, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Lillie Gibson, treasurer....Mr. J. W. Hackley, of North Norton street, is on the sick list....Mrs. Rosa Johnson, of Cleveland, O., president of the Womans' Mite missionary society of Ohio, lectured at the A. M. E. church Tuesday night.... Rev. Joshua Jones, presiding elder of the district, formerly president of Wilberforce University, was here to hold quarterly meeting at Wayman church Sunday. He administered sacrament at 3 o'clock p. m., and preached at 7:30 p. m., text Deut. 28:1. Quarterly conference was held Monday night....Vernon lodge No. 43 of A. F. A. M., has formed a social club....Don't forget to subscribe for The Freeman Christmas number....Mr. S. H. Lane sends regards to all his friends.... Mrs. Amanda Maberry is still on the sick list....Mr. Raymond Scott has charge of the Center house dining room during the illness of Mr. Alonzo Hammond....Mr. John and Louis May were called to Circleville, O., on account of the death of their father. Mr. May died November 28, after a lingering illness. He was 67 years of age. He leaves to mourn his death three sons, John and Louis of Mt. Vernon, and Simon, of Roanoke, Va., and four brothers, Rev. James, Rev. Charley, Walter and Mathew....A surprise party and a post card shower were given to Mrs. H. Judy Monday afternoon, it being the forty-fourth anniversary of her birth, which was highly appreciated by Mrs. Judy.... The Twentieth Century club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Stevens on East Gambier street, and two members were admitted, Miss Leona Williams and Miss Bess McGruder. The meeting next month will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Lathers, East Chestnut street.

DALLAS, (TEX.) DOINGS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The recent fire wiped out many of the homes and business places of our people. Owing to the short supply of water and the high wind which was blowing from the North it taxed the fire department's whole effort to check the flames....James Saunders is thinking very seriously over the coming holidays, and asks that Granville Lacey, Alf Martin, Hope & Co., haul a tree where Dave Johnson and Big Hands Columbus Johnson, Charlie Wade, Jodie Hutcherson, John Madison Prince Whitelou and Charlie Benson can have their presents called off by Oliver Mayes, Rufus Green, Louis Fulbright and D. Ware, Will Conley, Jim Enix. Tom H. Love is in for the place of old santa claus and proposes that Will Taylor, Cass Watts, Allison Wright, Joe Collins and Jim Crittendon furnish the presents, which is in keeping with the high esteem in which they are held by the great number of their friends. Ed Wilburn and J. R. Jordan have said to their friends not to look on them as santa clause, it is Christmas and they are note dfor their giving qualities in and out of season....Mr. Sam Lacy was called to Marshall Sunday night to attend the funeral of his brother at that place....The body of Mack Jones, an old uioneer citizen of Dallas, was shipped to Bryan for interment in the family lot there last Sunday evening. The deceased was a member of Pride of the West K. of P. lodge of this place....Just now it seems quite puzzling to the authorities, parents and teachers what is to become of the truant-playing boys of school age. There are too many, they say, going to ruin daily in Dallas, laying around here and there learning vile and evil things which carries them from worse to worse; they go it seems in well-organized gangs and commit every kind of mischief in various parts of the city and can't be caught by the officers. It is getting dangerous for any one to come in contact with them at the peril of your life at times. Something should be done and done quick, before it is too late. It is up to some of the Dallas smart set of society to be a little more concerned about their own business affairs while out discussing conditions of other people's domestic relations in public places. There is always some one up and some one down. We can not all wear costly garments, which of course is their own business, but if this set must air causes, don't be guilty of running the unfortunate men and women down because they are not in your circle or set of would-be virtuous night-parading, joy-riding and club-goers and what nots of the night, and want to be looked up to as Mr. and Mrs. when day comes. Hard working men and women, girls and boys of Dallas are far above many of the circle kind who live on the installment plan, eat out of a paper bag, and buy all they wear on credit and furnish up a rented house the same way, yet the snubbing goes on. It is better to be very plainly dressed and housed in a commonly built house of your own than to be as some of the circled smart ones above described, which is well known to many here and there. The advice of The Freeman is, be virtuous, honest and saving. It will shine brighter than all else. See the next issue and buy it.

NEWS NOTES FROM ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

THE REWARD FOR GOOD SERVICE.

Mr. Charles Kirkpatrick, one of the noted chefs of the Grand Atlantic hotel, by an early morning fire, Sunday, November 26th, lost all of his household goods and wearing apparel. His employers, Cooper and Leeds, not only contributed financially, but furnished up his new house from the costly furniture of the hotel. Mr. Kirkpatrick extends thanks to his neighbors and friends who assisted....The five nights' bazaar and entertainment extraordinary for the benefit of St. Augustine church will start December 12th at Fitzgerald's hall, North Kentucky avenue. Miss Estelle Fitzgerald, assisted by a large committee of ladies, will have charge. Tickets only ten cents....Mr. John Morgan has returned from Orange, N. J., after burying his mother....Mrs. Romer, one of the active members of St. James church, gave a very successful entertainment at her place of business last Thursday evening. Quite a neat sum was realized....At the cozy residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jones, North Tennessee avenue, Miss Marie Gaston became the bride of Robert Price Monday evening, November 28th. Rev. Martin of Asbury church tied the happy knot. Mr. and Mrs. Price are touring the South on their honeymoon ....Mrs. E. E. Daniels wishes to extend her thanks to the many friends who assisted her in her sad hou rof sorrow. Her husband was loved by all who knew him and died in the full triumph of the faith ....Mrs. Sarah Manning, one of the oldest members of Atlantic Household of Ruth, and the Ladies' Mutual Aid Society, died last Friday afternoon, December 2d, after an illness of several weeks. Her funeral last Monday was attended by all the branches of the G. U. O. of Odd Fellows, and the members of Patriarchie, No. 78, acted as pallbearers. Her pastor, Rev. Herben, preached the sermon ....Memorial service of the Light House lodge, I. B. P. O. Elks, were held in Fitzgerald's auditorium, Sunday evening. The Elks' orchestra under the direction of Prof. Jerome D. Jones, rendered touching music. Mr. T. Titus Brown is the exalted ruler, and the trustees are Mr. C. C. Johnson, Samuel Daniels, W. Plummer Davis, Wm. Foreman and Geo. T. Banks.

SOCIETY AT WEST BADEN, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Buzz Fuzz club held their fourth dinner at the residence of Ed Morgan, on Holeville avenue, French Lick, Ind., on Wednesday evening, November 23. The house was beautifully decorated with smilax, chrysanthemums and the club colors, red and white. The following members and visitors were seated in the spacious dining room: J. T. Wilson, president; Jno. W. Eddington, vice-president; J. C. Rice, secretary; C. P. Ricec, treasurer; Jos. Milligan, T. Frierson Jewett, Richard D. Pope, W. Jackson, Wm. Brewer, G. W. Wright, Burrell Echols, Wm. "Sport" Bell, Ed Morgan, Wm. Hill, Clarence Sheldon, Wm. Blake, Mitta Graham. The visitors were Jeff I. Porter, J. C. Fowler, head waiter West Baden hotel, and Jno. Cook, head waiter French Lick hotel. After partaking of an excellent menu, the object of the club was briefly stated by the president, Jno. T. Wilson, in a few well-chosen words. Jno. Cook, of French Lick, was called upon, and made an interesting talk. Billy Blake went to sleep and woke up during the applause following the speech, and seeing a "teddy bear" dangling from the chandelier, he broke away from the table and out the back door, and was found at home later on with his head covered up, "wide awake." J. C. Fowler made a nice talk, and also a recital, "The Face on the Floor," as only he can recite it. J. G. Porter told a story entitled "An Honest Man." "Sport" Bell read an "original" paper and was immediately put out. The event of the evening was an original poem by J. C. Rice, entitled, "Thank you, thank you, George." Jos. Milligan, the first president of the club, was called on for a speech, and very feelingly replied with the identical language used by "Ed Ballard" in a speech at Eagle hall a few nights before the election. The club and visitors then joined in the club song, "Why we are here," tune of Auld Lang Syne, and departed. Captains Porter and Echols got lost in the woods between the Lick and Baden, and barely made roll call at 7 o'clock full of burrs, Spanish needles and mud. The hostess, Mrs. Morgan was at her best and was ably assisted by her two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Dan and J. C. Richards and Mrs. Edna Crockett....The Grizzly Bears club was highly entertained Monday night, December 5th, by Miss Warneta Wilson. She is a clever little actress. She is now entertaining at Rice's hotel. "The Man Who Owns Broadway," was sung by Miss Wilson, while the president, Mr. R. E. Johnson, better known as "Silver King," and the vice president, Mr. Mike Johnson, went through the actions. Miss Nora Evans, pianist. Mr. Robert Stevenson, treasurer, better known as "Rounder," and all the members of the Grizzly Bear club had a large evening at the Rice hotel, better known as the Jersey house.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., NEWS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Williams' beautiful new home on Walnut street is receiving the finishing touches. In a few days they will be domiciled there....Rev. McDonald, of Havens' Chapel M. E. church, preached an eloquent sermon last Sunday night to an appreciative audience, after which the Lord's supper was administered ....Mrs. Laura Bynum, of Walnut street, who was very ill last week, is able to be up and about her regular duties again.... Mr. Herman Foote, of Chicago, is here for the season....Miss Mollie Richardson, of Pine Bluff, Ark., is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Cornelia Ward, on Walnut street....The Freeman can be found every week at Will Page's pool and billiard parlor, 205 Central avenue, and at Fletcher Pruitt's restarrant, 503 Malvern avenue. H. F. Foster, agent.

MINEOLA, TEX.

It is dry here as usual, and the Sabine river is dry in some places....Mrs. Rachel Sessions was called to Traoupe on account of a death in the family....Mr. Ed. Stokes was here on a visit this week ....The Mineola band boys are doing well now, since they have employed Mr. Lewis, who came from Kansas City, Kas.

CINCINNATI PLAY HOUSES.

Bills at the Pekin and Gaither This Week.

Over in Brownsville this week the cold weather does not seem to interfere with the attendance at the local playhouses. This time of the year, as a rule, has not been considered good theater season for colored playhouses; it is rather strange, too. The white houses, or, rather, those that are patronized solely by white people, have a stronger run during the bad weather than any other time, but the Brownsville houses always have fallen off during rainy or cold seasons heretofore, but there seems to be a reversal of interest so far this season. Well, one thing is the two colored theaters have created theater-goers among our people; you can see nightly people attending these shows who never paid any attention to theaters before, and I am sure the larger white houses that formerly had a large Negro patronage have noticed a falling off in the past year or more. The colored people of this section have awakened to that feeling of independence, and are seeking places of amusement where they are wanted and are appreciated. They may be wanted in the other theaters, but their patronage is not appreciated, or they would not be discriminated against as they are. But when they go to the colored houses they know they are privileged to sit where they please, and the manager solicits their patronage. That accounts for the success of the colored show houses in this city.

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The Pekin.

The Pekin has a nice, clean vaudeville this week, besides the regular vocalist of the house. Miss Pauline Dempsey shows up well in her quaint Southern characters, singing catchy songs and using expressions and sayings that are peculiarly her own. She is good. The three K's—Kolored Kandy Kids is their title—have a rattling good act, that is good enough for any time. They are good singers and dancers and work hard. They have made a nice showing this week.

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The Gaither.

Goodloe's Southern Bell Stock Company holds the boards. Cast of characters: Goodloe and Goodloe, Miss Ora Webb, E. Anthony and Love and Love. The sketch is "Trouble in the Family." It is just a little too suggestive, but it seems to be what the people want, and as that is what the manager wants to do—satisfy—so it must be described as good. The team of Goodloe and Goodloe have grown to be such favorites here that they will go big with most anything, but they are ably assisted this week with some good talent. Love and Love are a good team. Miss Webb and Anthony keep up the reputation they made here upon their first appearance. In fact, the entire company consists of a lot of good performers.

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T. G. Culligan's Nashville Students now touring Iowa.

Taylor and Taylor doing good. North Bay, Conn., Vaudeville Theater.

Miss Laura Moss, the well-known Hawaiian soprano, will return to the stage.

The Griffin Sisters hold the record for length of stay at the Crown Garden, Indianapolis.

The "Five Tar Babies," with George Hamilton, are at the Opera House, Port Chester, N. Y., this week.

The "Five Licorice Sticks," with Nettie Glenn, are at the Folly Theater, in Brooklyn, N. Y., this week.

Goodloes Southern Belle Stock Company is the latest at the Gaither Theater, Cincinnati, O. Doing well.

To our friends everywhere, remeber the Christmas issue of The Freeman; greater than ever. Write in about it.

Logan Kitchen is resting up at the home of his mother, Paola, Kan. Will take the road about the last of January.

Miss Laura Moss will join the Simms, Thomas and Walker Stock Company, at Louisville, the week of the 26th, at the Houston.

Mr. S. Suttle is assisting Mr. W. S. Pickett in organizing the Mastodon Colored Minstrels. He sends his regards to Eph Williams.

The Past- Time Pleasure Club, of Louisville, Ky., attended the Houston Theater in a body last week. They were highly entertained.

Garfield McGee, just closed at Hooper's Theater, Birmingham, Ala., will be at home a week on account of the illness of his mother.

P. G. Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, Carrie Gilbert, Billy and Tom May, members of P. G. Lowery's Enterprise, are in Columbus, O., indefinitely.

Bradford's Africanders, now playing United time, headlining all bills, are playing a return at Keith & Proctor's, Newark, N. J., and going big.

A reception was tendered the Griffin Sisters last Thursday, at the Pekin Cafe, Indianapolis, by little Onis Williams. A royal time was enjoyed by all.

D. W. Batsell, at Florence, Ala., sends regards to "The Mazeppa" bunch, and will meet them at Nashville, Tenn., Christmas. Write, care of The Freeman.

Joseph Clark, Taylor and Taylor and Nettie Miller are playing at the Star Theater, New Albany, Ind. James Clark, musical director, would like to hear from Maud Grundy.

The "Happy Days in Georgia" act was a big hit at Providence, R. I., and New Bedford, Mass. Week of December 5, Savoy Theater, New York City. Best regards to all.

Harry Kraton, writing from Pittsburg, Pa., says that he has been back from Europe for about eight weeks. His company goes back in May. Kraton thinks he will make his home in London.

Stetson's U. T. C. Co. No. 2 is making good in Wisconsin. Company is made up of thirteen men and three girls. Route: Algona, Wis., 9; Appleton, Wis., 10; Manitowoc, Wis., 11; Two Rivers, Wis., 12.

Sunny Dixie Minstrels, now in Arkansas, are playing to fine business in every town. Robert Ellis, known as "Alabama," and Louie Wiley, said to be the funniest man alive, leave them screaming each night.

Bonny and Freeman, Fred, Pauline, sometimes referred to as the two Little Brownies, at the Family Theater, Ackron, Ohio, this week, will be at the National Theater, Cleveland, Ohio, week of the 12th. They are making it fine.

The many friends of Prof. R. Roy Pope, director of the Ringling Bros.' Annex Band, will be pleased to know that his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Smith, is able to be up, after a very serious automobile accident on the evening of November 23.

Thomas and Ward will go to the Grand Theater, Chicago, next week, from the Crown Garden, Indianapolis, where they will continue for two weeks, then to Louisville to join Simms, Thomas and Walker's Stock Company at the Houston, featuring Miss Marguerite Ward.

The manager of the Royal Theater, Memphis, Tenn., gave quite a lavish spread for his performers on Thanksgiving Day. They enjoyed it immensely. Some queer things happened. Willie too sweet and the bunch are working hard to hold up the reputation of the Royal Theater.

The Clark, Hicks and Clark Trio act has been greatly improved by the introduction of slides. Miss Hicks and her big snakes are a great attraction. At Lincoln Theater, Lexington, Ky., this week, making good. In fact, act went so big that they were held over for another week.

Eugene Francis Mikel left for his home in Jacksonville, Fla., last week. He had been highly entertained by his friend, William Dorsey, the composer. He was also very popular with the professional people. The critic, Mr. Russell, saw him to the train. All this occurred in Chicago.

Lewis and Lewis are still playing in Chicago. Geo. Lewis has been on the sick list, but is up and out again. The team is now playing a return engagement at the Chicago Theater. They send best regards to all—the Moores, Sam Russell, the Tansells, Geo. Hamilton, Sam Austin and Barrasso's Company.

Simms & Thompson were held over the week of the 5th at the Houston Theater, Louisville, Ky., therefore compelling them to set back a week their engagement in Chicago. This week they are featuring their new act, "In Society." As usual last week their masterpiece, "My Friend," was a riot. Teams look out.

Clarence Cameron White gave a successful recital in Indianapolis last week. Those competent speak of him as being improved by his study abroad. The evening was highly enjoyed by a large audience of music loving people, who responded rapturously to his efforts. His route up until January is as follows: Cincinnati, St. Louis, Mo., St. Joe, Mo., Topeka, Kan., Denver, Col., Colorado Spring, Col., and Cheyenne, Wyo.

Wilson and Cunby in the "Band Man and His Band" were a decided hit at the Crown last week. The droll comedy of Mr. Cumby made him extremely popular with the patrons of the theatre, and his return will be eagerly looked forward to. The act is fast and strictly up to the latest wrinkle. There are no waits. All they do is handed over in "chuncks," and they do not fail to score at every possible angle.

Billie Cross, better known as "Poor Boy," writes from the Belmont Theater, Pensacola, Fla., that he has closed a successful three weeks' engagement at the Queen Theater, Montgomery, Ala. He has opened a three weeks' engagement at the Belmont Theater. He is a member of the Southern Circuit. Try it, boys, the water is fine. Billie was sure around there some in Montgomery. He is there with the Cross and the Billie. Mr. Horatio Williams and Mr. Joseph Stephen had a delightful supper for Mr. Cross on his last night in Montgomery. Mr. John H. Loveless, the undertaker, would have been in the bunch, but he was called away on business. Regards to Buddie Glenn and other friends in and out of the profession.

S. H. Dudley, Jesse A. Shipp and Sylvester Russell were guests at Dr. Washington's banquet, from the list of Frank L. Gale, of the Gale Piano Company, Dec. 5, given by the Business Men's League of Chicago directly after the lecture at Quinn Chapel by the Wizard of Tuskegee Alumni. The gale delegates were a little late, Messrs. Dudley and Russell leaving the Globe Theater late, as Mr. Dudley's valet had failed to order the Dudley taxi on time. When they arrived at the Pekin Theater Jesse A. Shipp was not ready, owing to the fact that Monday is a strenuous night for a stock company producer. When the famous trio arrived at the Dumas Hotel, 3312 Wabash avenue, the supper had begun. Little S. H. Dudley, Jr., who was with his father, shook hands with Dr. Washington. On his way home in the taxi the little fellow asked his papa if Booker T. Washington ever fought in war.

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WHO WROTE "KAFFIR BABE"?

Just saw an article in The Freeman, written on the above subject. Would like to say that I wrote "Kaffir Babe," words and music, with no assistance from any one. No one has a right to publish the same except the Gotham Attucks Music Company, with whome I hold a contract for the same, about seven years old. It is true that Mr. Howard McCarver and I did write several songs, but, as Mr. Kelly knows, I wrote "Kaffir" while a member of the Georgia Minstrels Company, long before I ever knew Howard personally. Kelly and Davis have been using it for five or six years. I know they give me all the credit due me for writing same.

HARRY KRATON.

Pittsburg Grand Opera House, Dec. 5.

THE HOUSTON THEATRE, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Much merriment prevailed at the Houston last week, and there was no reason why it should not have been so. Mr. Billy Caldwell was the opener, singing and dancing. It was one of the best shows ever seen in Louisville. Thomas, one of the greatest dancers, is here, with Miss Ward, singing "Lovie Joe." The main feature on the bill was Simms and Thompson, who have just come off the Considine Circuit. They are good comedians and leave the audience in an uproar. Mr. Houston deserves great credit for having such high-class vaudeville. His house stands as a monument to the profession, and also to the theater-going public. It is owned and controlled by Negroes. It has the best order. Full house all the time. Patronized by the best people in Louisville.

THE RUBY THEATRE, GALVESTON, TEX.

The show is still meeting with unbounded success and the people are satisfied that they get their money's worth in fun and amusement. Tansel and Tansel are still making big hits. Miss Lelia Duson captivates the audience when she sings, and never fails to respond to three and four encores. Mr. Dave Liston, the silver tenor, renders some of the most popular songs of the day, and is quite a favorite. The one Buddie Glenn, in his talking and singing turn, just tickles the people to death. Glenn keeps them in a good humor from the time he comes on until he leaves. Mr. Chas. Helm, our pianist, renders some fine selections. Mr. Rayfield Johnson "plays some" traps. Mr. Albert Lewis, the operator, shows some fine pictures. Manager C. Huff is proud of and well pleased with his show. Miss Virgie Crawford closed and is at Houston, Tex. Buddie Glenn sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

LAURA MOSS,
The Hawaiian Prima Donna.

Laura Moss, the well-known Hawaiian prima donna, has concluded to return to the stage, after an absence of a few years. Miss Moss is a singer of ability, having traveled extensively, touring New Zealand and Australia, as well as this country, with the famous Ernest Hogan. Her many friends and admirers will welcome her to her accustomed place behind the footlights, where she has charmed tens of thousands. Miss Moss will appear in vaudeville, where she will be heard to advantage.

CROWN GARDEN, INDIANAPOLIS.

Paul Le Mero, Manager.

Good audiences all the week at the Crown Garden, due to the good attractions that are always on hand. The bill this week is a good one, running prime all the way through, without any exception.

Burton and Taylor start out with the intention of "pulverizing the blues." They do this, going a merry clip with their rapid-fire dialogue, singing and dancing. Both the straight work and the comedy are very good and high-class. Clayborn Jones, the famous "Yama Yama" man, made his third appearance this week, where he is a great favorite. To say he went big puts it mildly. Jones sang a couple of songs before his "Yama Yama." They were well received, but the great audience wanted "Yama," which he finally sung. Jones sang better than he ever did, and acted better. In fact, no one can sing the song excepting Jones. His pronunciation was clear, and in all ways he excelled.

Thomas and Ward make a delightful team of entertainers. Marguerite Ward will be remembered as a member of the Smart Set Company. She was also with the Williams and Walker, and Cole and Johnson companies. She is of poetical temperament, and showed it in her beautiful rendition of "Lovie Joe." She has a small voice, but makes up that deficiency through her stage manners, giving evidence of fine training. Her every movement is pleasing.

Kid H. Thomas is a dancer and of various moods, from "As you like it," to "It's—tell the Captain." Thomas announces what he is going to do; he does it, but it would be more effective if he did not mention it. The people wish to be surprised. His imitation of George Primrose was pretty and effective—refined movements and soft shoe dancing, which went big. The dialogue between the team was rich, particularly, showing the poetical temperament of Miss Ward. Both get off a portion of their fun in rhyme, which was quite a hit. The team is what you might call distinguished, and doubtless will please wherever it goes.

Frank Montgomery and company is a fine team, one of which is Eddie Stafford, of Indianapolis. Montgomery does the straight part, and throughout shows ability. The jokes were not all new, but all received new treatment. Stafford is a coming comedian; it is in him. He isn't doing so much original work, but he is studying the masters of the business and it crops out. One can see a little Dudley in him, a little Bert Williams, a little Bob Cole, making in all a fine composition as it appears in the one individual. He's the terrapin of the stage—made up of the best of all kinds of meats, hence very highly prized. Stafford deserves attention. He is young, ambitious and has the ability. He is rather diminutive—small, and, with his small, high-cut trousers and long coat, he is satisfactorily funny from the jump. Like Bob Cole, there is considerable intelligence in Stafford's comedy. He will be heard from if he keeps up the pace.

Miss Maud Hudson is also in the team of Frank Montgomery and company. She is a graceful little actress, who is pleasing in her talking, dancing and singing. Her stage presence is also good. Wilson anad Cumby, "Komical Komicalities," is a team in keeping with the above mentioned. They do good work—straight and comedy. They are young men, and with the talent displayed at this time they should be among the big ones in the near future.

THE SMART SET IN CHICAGO.

S. H. Dudley in "His Honor the Barber"—Aida Overton Walker a Feature.

By Sylvester Russell.

"His Honor, the Barber," made its first and last reappearance in Chicago this season at the Globe Theater, commencing December 4, for a two weeks' engagement. The comedy is by Ed Hansford and the music mostly all by James T. Brymn. The story is of Raspberry Snow, whose greatest hope and aspiration is to shave the President, and in pursuit of this ambition the barber falls asleep on the White House steps and dreams that his wish has come true, only to awake and find he's dreaming. Sherman H. Dudley, as Raspberry Snow, the star individual of the cast, is better than ever this season, and seemed to be perfectly at home in a bigger theater, surrounded by the finest bunch of players of his career, and his art as a comedian has become matured, broadened by the favorable scope of an histrionic enlargement. His scene with the donkey, who this time took his cue, and with an automobile which aptly managed to operate, gave added pleasure in line with his other comedy work. His song, "You Needn't Come at All," was good, but Dudley has relegated himself almost out of the song faction of his success as an unrequired duty, where he should be heard in two lively numbers. But Mr. Dudley is to come before us in better form next season. He is now the most prominent actor of his race, and the only full-fledged star now appearing in a musical comedy role and supported by a company of his own. Mr. Dudley, who is a great laugh producer and an expert dancer, will be able, with care and study, to assume the place left vacant by the final exit, as Negro production stars, of the famous big four—Ernest Hogan, Bob Cole, George Walker and Bert Williams—still in service as one of the cast in a travesty production of all white actors. In an early scene of the first act Aida Overton Walker made her first appearance as a special feature, in a child number, younger in years in real life on the stage, which served to introduce some nimble steps that were original and ingenious and which won applause. Her second number was "Porto Rico," by Cecil Mack (McPherson), Ford T. Dabney and Jas. T. Brymn, in which Mr. Dudley added very skillful and intelligent bits of comedy pantomime to the scene, a dancing creation in which both in their different lines collectively received an ovation. Mrs. Walker's Spanish costume was a dream of perfection that dazzled with splendor, and no living woman was ever handsomer to look upon. In the third number, "That's Why They Call Me Shine," she surpassed all former efforts as an artist and her male attire and conception of the part was decidedly clever. In assuming male characters Mrs. Walker will have to omit prancing as a disturbing element in masculine nature, and her walk must be one of repose, except in the demands of cakewalk features.

Andrew Tribble, the female specialty burlesque comedian, who is also featured this season, was as nimble and ridiculously mirthful and entertaining as ever. Miss Lottie Grady was fascinating as Miss White, but the part has been eliminated since last season. The songs both by Lottie Grady and Andrew Tribble were well rendered and received encores. While Miss Grady is more at her best in serious drama, she was seen to good advantage, considering the limited part she had to play, as a soubrette. William Ramsey, as the sport, was satisfactory, but should speak his lines more distinctly. His song and dance with chorus effect was very entertaining. Ella Anderson, a mezzo soprano singer of excellent cultivation, of robust middle range, won well-earned applause in "Consolation Lane" and "Merry Widow Brown." Her high notes were a little shy in compass. She is a handsome woman, and, as usual, a little over-effective. James Lightfoot was good as Old Man White, and Alberta Ormes was an entertaining talker as a sporting editress. Will Grundy, as the Captain, managed to fill the bill, but his lack of dignified grace can now be carefully cultivated. His work is good enough, if he will apply ardor, precision and erectness. Others in the cast are Will Everly, Geo. McClain and John Warren, the lion, bear and monkey, which was an attractive scene, with Dudley. "Isle of Love," which opened the second act, introduced Miss Lillian Brown, a soprano singer with a voice of much purity and bell-like sweetness, and the chorus to this, as in all the other numbers, was most perfect in grouping, and the ensemble work throughout, as well as the concerted chorus numbers and dancing, which were idealistic and satisfactory. Tim Brymn had the orchestra under excellent control, including George A. Smith, an expert trap drummer. Regarding S. H. Dudley and Aida Overton Walker, it is not yet decided whether they will star together or separately next season.

PASSING SHOW IN WASHINGTON.

By R. W. Thompson.

The New Howard Theater is now under new management, and is presenting a series of comedy dramas by standard companies made up of white actors. T. J. Faulkner succeeds W. H. Smith as manager and F. A. Rice takes the place of treasurer, formerly held by Herbert D. Myers. The play this week is "Anita, the Singing Girl," with Clara Turner in the title role. Next week Miss Turner appears in another of her dramatic successes, "A Girl's Best Friend." The audiences have been fair. The management is having it stated every evening from the stage that there is no truth in the report that a portion of the house will be reserved for the exclusive accommodation of colored patrons. The entire auditorium is at the disposal of the colored patrons—first come, first served. Absolutely no color line is drawn. A few white people have been attending the performances, but it seems that most of them are unaware that whites will be admitted.

All of the colored employes of the house have been retained. Lew Henry, stage manager; Will Vodery, musical director, and O. L. Garrett, electrician, are holding forth at their old places. It is an open secret that the proprietors, Rosenthal and Benedict, Baltimore capitalists, are grievously disappointed because of the poor showing made by such a beautiful and well-equipped theater in a city where it might be reasonably thought 50,000 proscribed Negroes would jump at a chance to attend a place of amusement where their color would not be a bar to the enjoyment of any privilege belonging to a citizen of the republic. No one seems able to assign a satisfactory reason for the unexpected turn of affairs. A liberal reward awaits the soothsayer who can tell what the management can do to lasso the people into this magnificent, but empty, Temple of Thespis.

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There are eight moving picture houses here for colored people, all presenting from one to three vaudeville acts. This suggests a fine opportunity for the arrangement of a local circuit, over which a performer could secure two months of profitable work, without having to pay a dollar of railroad fare.

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The Maceo has been turned into a dance hall.

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Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis is touring West Virginia.

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Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford gave a dramatic recital in Baltimore last week.

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Harry Bond has taken hold of the Chelsea, on M street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets.

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Miss Minnie Brown will spend the winter here to perfect herself on the 'cello, her favorite instrument.

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Director J. Henry Lewis, of the Amphion Glee Club, is to write the history of the twenty years' experiences of his famous musical organization.

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W. J. Reeves' Cafe, on T street, is the place to get all of the theatrical dope of the town, with a slice of gossip from "Li'l old New Yawk."

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The Hiawatha and Minnehaha are doing a fine business. Last week Brown and Shelton, late of "My Friend from Dixie," held the boards and won a host of new admirers.

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The Wilberforcean Orchestra gave a delightful concert at the Hiawatha last Sunday night. A series of "assemblies" are announced by this unique musical organization at True Reformers' Hall.

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Miss Evon Robertson, a Washington girl, made a very favorable impression upon the press and theater-going public by her finished work with the Howard Stock Company. Miss Robertson has both beauty and brains and will be heard from in the near future.

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The Colored Theatrical Booking Exchange, with headquarters at 1805 Fourth street, N. W., is the latest enterprise to be launched here. It is managed by well-known and influential theatrical people, and there is a hint that it may control the cream of the colored talent east of the Alleghenies.

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T. Spencer Finley, the premier comedian, is to blossom out as a manager, 'tis said. Mr. Finley has refused a bushel of flattering road offers, in order to be at home, where he can look after his family and superintend the education of his bright little son, Paul Laurence Dunbar Finley. The stage has not a more conscientious nor more capable performer than Spencer Finley.

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Another rumor is flying about the Rialto, at Seventh and T streets, to the effect that the Howard may be taken over by Ford Dabney, if the melodrama experiment now being tried should prove a failure. Mr. Dabney, it is said, will be backed by Manager W. H. Rapley, who controls the National Theater, and who is the local representative of the Klaw & Erlanger, Nixon & Zimmerman and Frohman theatrical syndicate, the greatest amusement combine on earth.

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Rumor has it that former Manager W. H. Smith is not content to step down and out without making it warm for the National Amusement Company. He had a year's contract at a generous figure. He left a good place in Chicago to accept the work here. He gave the best service he could, and the failure of the house to pay cannot justly be laid at his door. Hence he claims his salary for the year, and will file a suit for the same if the matter is not adjusted by Rosenthal and Benedict out of court.

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Miss Minnie Brown, the talented vocalist and sketch artist, than whom there is none better, is in her twelfth week on the local stage. She is playing a wonderfully successful return engagement at the Foraker, on Twentieth street, and scores of uptown friends run down there just to hear Miss Brown's rich soprano notes and carefully selected songs. Miss Brown is continuing her instruction on the 'cello under Prof. H. Leonard Jeter, and may consent to give a demonstration of her progress before finally leaving Washington. At the Foraker the comedy end is held up by Thos. Beckett.

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J. Leubrie Hill, producing manager for the Howard Stock Company, is still in the city. He has some big projects up his sleeve, but is not yet ready to give out any definite announcement of his plans. He is in excellent spirits, and is gratified to hear his friends say the failure of the Howard to draw was not the fault of his really artistic production, "My Friend from Dixie." The company is admitted to be the equal of any show that has yet been on the road. As it is too late in the season to secure proper bookings, Mr. Hill has abandoned any notion of taking the company out, and they are making engagements on their own hook, in vaudeville.

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Ford Dabney has made a ten-strike in securing the hustling Erb Robinson as manager of his popular house. Erb's first show is a crackerjack, and there have been packed houses every night at each of the four performances. Leona Marshall has been scoring big with "Lovie Joe" and "That Raggedy Rag," closing with her whirlwind dance, in which she brings down the house and pulls three and four encores. Lewis A. Mitchell is taking well in his old man's make-up and eccentric dancing, prefaced by a witty monologue. He is singing his Cole and Johnson success, "Keep on Smilin'," and "That Alamo Rag." Madeline Cooper, known as "Kinky," is a speaking likeness of Aida Overton Walker, and her dancing is so Walkeresque that the layman would be put to his wit's end to tell which is which, were they entered as competitors. Her rendition of "Sugar Moon" and "Meet Me, Cindy, by the Cinder Pile," followed by a "Going Some" dancing specialty, showed Miss Cooper up as a top-line attraction. The entire show is held over for another wee. Tillie Seguin is on the way here.

PARK THEATER, INDIANAPOLIS.

"Paid in Full" Coming for a Week—First Time at Popular Prices.

Eugene Walter's great American play, "Paid in Full," will be seen at the Park Theater all next week, for the first time, at popular prices.

In recent years a few plays have made such big hits that two or three companies have been sent out in them, and in one instance four organizations were started, but the number lasted only a short time. That play was not big enough or popular enough to win public support for four companies, yet it was one of the biggest successes of the time. In this fact lies the proof that Eugene Walter's "Paid in Full" is the greatest and most popular play ever produced in America. All last season, beginning in August, 1908, and continuing until last May, five companies appeared in "Paid in Full" all over the United States. This same number is going over the country again this year. This adds a chapter to theatrical history never before written. It shows conclusively that "Paid in Full" occupies a place in public admiration that no other play has held, and it is doubtful if another ever attains it. The broad interest possessed by "Paid in Full" is demonstrated by the fact that it scored as big a hit in one part of the country as in another. They like it as well in San Francisco and in New Orleans and Minneapolis as they did in New York, where it ran for two years.

FAMOUS THEATRE, ATLANTA, GA.

The team of Hamilton and Spearmint, as "The Spider and the Fly," is getting along nicely with the Russel and Owens Stock Company, at the Famous Theater, Atlanta, Ga., and would like to hear from all friends in and out of the profession. Hamp is singing with success. Miss Spearmint is singing "You Taught Me How to Love You, Now Teach Me to Forget." Mr. Porter, our stage manager, and Mr. Russel, producer, were so well pleased with us that they held us over for an indefinite time.

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The Stage.

The Minneapolis bunch is still in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown, of same, send regards to all. Mr. Brown sends regards to I. B. P. O. E. of W., to which he belongs.

The Musical Spillers were at the Gaiety Theater, Indianapolis last week. They have a great act; played three sets of instruments with telling effect. Each act was heavily encored.

We, the Three Browns, open here Monday, December 5th, at the American Music Hall, Chicago, Ill., and with the rest of the Morris circuit, including the Orpheum, Cincinnati, Ohio, then the eastern music halls. Respectfully, Harry Brown, manager of the Three Browns, Indian Singers and cartoonists.

Lena Mitchell and Bessie Brady have closed a successful six weeks' engagement at the Globe Theater, Jacksonville, Fla. Miss Mitchell was engaged for two weeks longer. Miss Brady has gone to Chicago on business. They have the best to say of Manager Frank Crowd and Stage Manager Tim Owsley.

THE AMUSE THEATRE, VICKSBURG, MISS.

The Amuse Theater in Vicksburg, Miss., one of a circuit of six houses, opened with Stock Company No. 2 Monday night and since the opening the S. R. O. sign continues to hang out in front. May and May head the excellent little bill and too much can not be said of these two clever young performers. Next comes Richard R. Mathews, the well known barrel jumper and acrobat, who always makes good. Leroy White and his drollery keep the audience in an uproar. Porter and Porter are the same as ever, good workers and prime favorites. Bonny Belle Thomas, the charming little soubrette, holds them enchanted with her sweet soprano. Sadie Whitehead, who tickles the ivories, has her usual number of admirers around the piano and seems well pleased. The bunch says hello to al friends.

NEWS OF THE S. P. LITTLEJOHN'S MINSTREL COMPANY.

We are leaving dear old Georgia, after playing there seven weeks with success, and going back to the southern part of Alabama. Mr. Hooten, our stage manager, keeps on making good as usual. Mr. Minor Harris is cleaning up with his monologue and song, "I Wish I Was in Heaven Sitting Down." Also Mack Rivers and Little Willie Richardson are making big hits every night with their dancing act which is full of comedy. Hinn, our laughing comedian, keeps the people screaming when he sings his coon song and does his funny walk. The bunch send regards to friends in and out of the profession. Jas. E. Lewis, our trap drummer, sends regards to Isaiah Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Scott, of Selma, Ala. Prof. S. C. Elliott and his band are making good everywhere they play.

NOTES FROM FLORIDA BLOSSOMS COMPANY

We are now in the state of Georgia, and are playing to good business. We have played several return dates and found a hearty welcome in each town. We spent Thanksgiving in Americus, Ga., which was one long to be remembered by every member of the company, and especially the members of Social circle, which gave a repast of their own which was fit for a king. The stage, under the care of Mr. Le Roy Knox, has improved greatly, and the band, under the direction of Prof. E. B. Dudley, is a decided hit. The business and financial ends are being looked after by Messrs. T. C. Williams and A. B. Dezon. Messrs. Douglass and Worthey, owners, are wearing glad smiles. All of the bunch send regards to G. W. Allen's Troubadours. J. H. Tobin made his debut in the reed section by playing a saxaphone solo to a large and appreciative audience at Dawson, Ga. The company sends regards to Fisher and the Williams Sisters.

THE MACEO THEATRE, CHARLESTON, S. C.

The banner attraction at this popular little play house last week was the productions by Kenner and Lewis with their company, their own musical comedy, "Prince Bumpapka," which is their own version. Kenner, as "Prince Bumpapka," was exceedingly comical. Of course Lewis was there with the straight as usual, playing the part of a Bunco Man. Millie Williams was leading lady; Trixie Colquit, Emma Thornton.

Gus Butler played the part of Uncle, and was there as an old man. Billy Munnerlyn was quite funny also. Musical numbers went big. Lewis sang Tutt and Homer's "Da'gone I'm Happy Now" for the finale, with with chorus, and the latter part of the week they put on one act from "Cripple Creek," a western drama, Kenner as Joe Mason; Lewis as Denver Jack; Millie Williams as the school teacher; Emma Thornton as Dynamite Ann; Gus Butler as Jerry; Trixie as Frisco Kate; the rest of the company as cowboys and girls, and the way the people enjoyed the shows can only be told by the way they packed the theater during the week. They only had P. R. O. sign all the week out, which means "Peeping Room Only." You know that's going some. Butler and Colquit in the olio, went big, with their singing and dancing act. The singing and dancing of the team are good. and they have some clever jokes. Colquit's singing of "Some of these days" next big, also "Alabama Shuffles." Gus Butler is a eccentric dancer and did nicely, in fact, they look well together, Colquit is very dainty in all of her parts. The Picks went big also with their singing and dancing, "I wish I was in Heaven Sitting Down." Kenner and Lewis with their company have an indefinite contract with Mr. Hubert, the manager of the Maceo, who is a perfect gentleman in every sense, and knows how to treat performers. He never comes back of the stage for anything like some managers do to show themselves. He leaves that part to the man behind there to attend to and he never abuses any performer or squabbles with them.

THE CENTRAL THEATRE AT DALLAS, TEX.

Thanksgiving Week at This Splendid Playhouse.

The Grând Central Theater is without a doubt the leading colored playhouse of the South. S. R. O. Oh! mercy! That's a thing of the past, this being Thanksgiving week, our manager, Mr. Harris, is all smiles and gives thanks for his bunch of headliners.

The pleasure seekers thronged the thoroughfare in front of the Theatre early in the afternoon to secure good seats to witness the largest bill of the season, of all star performers. The bill was headed this week by the old original minstrel king, Billy Kersands, and wife. Mr. Kersands pleased the patrons with his favorite song hit, "Some day I am Going to Open Wine," and took them by storm with the old original "Get on Board." Next came Mrs. Kersands with her two screaming song hits, "Show me your companion and I'll tell you what you are" and "Get a Kitchen Mechanic," with which she received heavy encores. Next we have Mr. Joe Norton, a shinging star among talking comedians, and his arrangements for "Goo, goo, Eyes," is a scream. Another big feature of this special attraction, Green and Green, supreme sketch artists, whose dancing is a novelty. Mrs. Leather Hunn, our charming soubrette, is speedingly growing the favorite of our patrons. Miss Ethel (Tay) Chappelle, our leading lady, still holds her own, and never fails to get her's when she appears before the footlights. Miss Emma Johnson, with her sweet soprano voice, is still the nightingale of the South. Oh! here he comes now, that's what you hear all over the house when Walter Williams, that noisy comedian, known as King Du Du, the ladies' favorite, is about to appear, and he never fails to knock the roof off with his latest step left hand wheeler. Now comes the favorite of the South, Mr. Robt. W. Harper, better known as Little Willie Nuf Sed. Our stock company has been strengthened by the return of some of our favorites. Mr. Harrison Blackburn just closed a successful season with Buffalo Bill's shows, and Miss Carrie Huff, who filled a week's engagement at the Cotton Palace, Waco, Texas, joined hands for the winter. Mr. H. R. Dixon, our producer and stage manager and leading straight man, is more than proud of his company, and as a producer and straight man he is among the best. On Monday night, by request he will pull off his masterpiece a temperance comedy-drama, "Three Years A Drunkard." Our manager, Mr. John H. Harris, is the cream of managers a perfect gentleman in every respect and every time you see him the ghost is near by. The company send regards to Mr. S. A. Austin and wife. Mr. Geo. Coleman has been on the sick list but is better now and wil be back with us in a few days. Regards to all in and out of the profession, and especially The Freeman.

GLOBE THEATER, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

By J. W. SEER.

The week of November 21st. The vaudeville bill offered was India Allen, a very pleasing soubrette. She caught the audience from the go. J. Francis Crouth, a cortionist extraordinary; J. Francis Mores, character baritone; Mr. Mores has an excellent voice and he knows how to handle it. I understand Mr. Mores has been engaged to fill the place of Mr. Owsley as a producer, while Mr. Owsley has been reengaged as assistant manager. Mr. Owsley offered for his last show for many weeks to come, "The Man Who Married Linda," a musical comedy. In this show we saw Mr. Owsley in a different character, much to our delight. Miss Crosby sang "Any Old Town is a Lonesome Old Town," which was a hit. "Linda Lee," sang by Tim Owsley and chorus, was a good number. "That Indian Rag," sang by Leona Mitchell got for her all that could be expected. "Way Down in Sunny Alabama," sung by J. Pitts, pleased the audience. Will Jones, as the father of Linda, in the playlet, was one of the best as a character old man we have seen. E. B. Edwards, as the parson, did well. Edna Allen, as the sister, was great. Maude Campbell and Mary Nobles did as good as was expected of them with the few lines they had.

The week of the 28th we find Mr. Frank Crowd added another good big show to his list of hits. Mr. Crowd has very little to say, but he saws wood. While the Globe Theater does not give us productions like a Broadway house would in New York nor like the big ones in Chicago, when you look at the thing from both sides I dare say that we get equally as good show for the money as any house in America, white or colored. To begin with there is Margie Crosby, singing soubrette, and she is good. Walker and Nobles, two young girl singers and dancers, and as a young sister team they a erclever. Miss Nobles sings good and Miss Walker dances good. J. Francis Mores, character baritone. Oh, my, what a voice. That man alone is worth the price paid to see the show. He was called back again and again. Jones and Pitts, comedy kings, keep the audience laughing. Robert Davis as a monologist, was very good; he made a hit. Then on came a riot in the form of a musical farce comedy playlet, "The Turkish Harem," or "The Man With Many Wives," by J. Francis Mores. Mr. Mores has shown by his first production that he is O. K., as a singer, actor, playwright and producer. Robert Davis, as the reporter, for the "Indianapolis Freeman," brought one laugh after another. India Allen made a good wife. Francis Mores, as Said Hasen Ben Ali, the pasha, brought out the story in great shape. J. Pitts, as the guard, was O. K. For fun and wholesome fun that you enjoy, W. Jones and Tim Owsley bring it out.

Special music by Mr. Mores for his act was good. The new song Tim Owsley handed us will become popular, I know. Black Salome, by India Allen caught the audience and so did "Can't you be good," sung by R. Davis. All I can say bad about this playlet of Mr. Mores' is that it made me laugh myself sick. Mr. Frank Crowd has made quite an improvement in every way about the theater. Now that he is owner and manager he can afford to do so. Go as far as you like, Frank, the amusement loving people are with you. Knockers are bound to get tired after a while.

SMART SET COMPANY (SOUTHERN) ENROUTE

Meets Billy Kersands and A. G. Allen's Bunch.

November 21st saw the company finish its Texas engagements to the joy of the majority of the members. The success of the company, from a financial point of view, and social as well, has been tremendous, notwithstanding. The time throughout the state was made without one whit of trouble, although in many instances trouble seemed unavoidable. But the timely activity of our genial little manager, Mr. T. L. Corwell, things have never failed to come out right.

In one case, Rogers, Texas, where colored people were not even allowed to attend the opera house, and in fact stood a poor show in the town, word reached us before we got there that things would be everything but pleasant for us if we played there. But those kinds of things never worry our manager. However, on our arrival we were very pleasantly surprised to learn that the entire police force one six foot ranger) of that city had been reserved to insure our protection. That night the house was brilliantly lamp-lighted, every lamp proved to be a "spot," only the dimmers were not used, and it was packed to capacity, with an audience which was as cold as a block of ice. Half of the show was over, before their sense of humor could be reached. When Mr. L. Tutt Whitney sang, "I Ain't Going to Let Nobody Make a Fool Out of Me," they awoke to hand an ovation to the show, such as the management of the house had never witnessed, in its history. 'Tis useless to say that we were treated fine after the show, and the police force was immediately relieved. This is a true type of many of the smaller towns of the state, which fell to our good fortune to play.

Notwithstanding the above facts, the members of the company took no chance on any ways obstreperous or flashy in their appearance. For instance: Misses Grace Neff, Ethel Marshall Nida Marshall, Goldie Chappelle and Blanch Sims, appeared as ordinary cotton pickers; Misses Nettie Taylor, Mable Brown, Mable De Heards, Hallie Dean, as regular wash women, while Misses Babe Brown and Daisy Martin generally looked as though they might have ben housekeepers of the Texas farmer type. Among the men Messrs. S. P. Gardner, Lawrence, Williams and Al Strander would have ordinarily been regarded as town's jobmen, Mr. W. A. Baynard would come under the same class, also Mr. J. H. Woodson could scarcely be away from the car long enough to be classified. Messrs. J. Homer Tutt always maintained his dudish look and therefore was adjudged the boss of the gang. Mr. J. C. Wright looked as though he might be a close companion of the "boss," while H. S. Wooten, culinarian, looked as though he too, might have been one of the boss' associates, spending his (the boss') money freely among the various grocers and meat dealers of the different towns. Musical Director H. F. Waterson came in the class with Mr. J. H. Woodson, only his seclusion was not so much at the car. Messrs. Sank Sims and J. J. Weaver generally appeared to be regular compress hands. Mr. Weaver as mail carier for the company, was often turned down for the mail, to get an order from the manager, when this was presented, the remarks invariably were, "I thought you worked down at the compress." Determined not to put on any open air dancing stunts, Mr. S. Tutt Whitney generally appeared as a Texas ranger of the frontier type, and was a good imitation, except when he was displaying his ability as a tonsorial artist, he could frequently be seen out for walks, as though he was ready to round up a herd of Texas steers. Mr. T. L. Corwell was generally sanguine, but stern, and meant business. Whether or not this state of being was transfusion to the lower form of animals, the writer cannot say, however, the manager's bull-dog "Sport" was generally with him, and looked equally as serious.

To see the bunch as a whole in these Texas burgs, one would never think that there was more than $3,000.00 worth of diamonds possessed by them, to say nothing of the seal skin coats and costly hats etc., among the ladies, and the deportment among the ladies has been 100 per cent perfect, or we never would have covered the territory we have, with absolutely no trouble.

"Mr. S-a-l-e-m, how old is you today?" M-m. Only twenty, Love.—S.

S. Tutt Whitney gets a birthday while at Long View, Texas. Mr. Whitney spent the greater portion of that day, November 15th, accepting gifts and finding appropriate places to store them away; some of them were magnificent. At night, however, during the performance, the company took snap judgment on Mr. Whitney in the external. During the initiation scene, a slap stick had been provided by Mr. S. P. Gardner, and ere the manager, audience or Mr. Whitney realized what was going on, he (Mr. Whitney) was completely overpowered by the entire chorus, while J. C. Wright applied blows to the audible enumeration of J. J. Weaver, who acted as referee. Whether or not Mr. Whitney was twenty or forty will be left to the discretion of the readers. Mr. Weaver discontinued the count at thirty-four. Some of the bunch claimed that it was because he was too hoarse.

At Mineola, Texas, the company met Billy Kersands and bunch, where his company had gone to the wall. Mr. Kersands looked as fine and healthy as ever. Mrs. Kersands and in fact the entire bunch were fine and dandy, under the circumstances.

At Jefferson, Texas, the company met the A. G. Allen bunch, and they have some band.

Mr. Frank Jackson, tenor, and J. H. Woodson, basso, are just recovering from severe colds; and Miss Nettie Taylor, also, is getting over a severe cold attack.

Thanksgiving came, and Mr. H. S. Wooten, head of the culinary department, put up some more turkey dinner, therefore endearing himself with every member of the company.

The company is doing great business in these parts. If. Mgr. T. L. Corwell would comply with the repeated requests for return engagements, we would be here for an indefinite period.

"Everybody's happy."

MORAN WANTS TO FIGHT WOLGAST

Extraordinary Demand Must Come Down, Says Manager Harvey—Nelson Wants More.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Although boxing promoters, and particularly those in San Francisco and Los Angeles, are anxious to clinch a match between Owen Moran and Ad Wolgast, for the lightweight championship of the world, it is by no means certain that a contest can be arranged if Wolgast continues to insist uopn the ridiculous demand of a $12,500 guarantee to meet Moran next May and to name the referee.

Charley Harvey, Moran's manager, laughs at the demands of the champion and intimates that he will have to come down from his lofty perch or wait some time for a match.

"In the first place," declares Harvey, "Wolgast has made the worst possible break in saying that he will insist upon selecting the referee. That's a stiff thing to ask and it looks as if he wanted to have all the best of it before stepping into the ring. What champion ever insisted upon naming a referee? That is a matter for mutual consideration, for one man is as much concerned as the other. To allow Wolgast to do anything of the kind would kill the fight for people would view it with suspicion.

"I have received a number of eastern offers for theatrical work for Moran and haven't decided what to accept or how long Moran will go on the road. I expect we will leave Tuesday for New York, where we can lay our plans. We are willing to wait a reasonable time for Wolgast, but to wait until next May is a good deal to ask."

Nelson showed up Sunday with his face swollen and his eye bruised, but he looks fairly well, considering the punishment he received.

He asked Promoter Coffroth what his first date was and declared he wanted to meet Wolgast, but Coffroth put him off with an evasive answer. Nelson's real friends here are sorry to see him act as though he were still in the ring, when every one knows he is out of it. Nelson has always made friends here, and these friends would like to see him retire while he may do so with credit.

The Battler expects to leave for the east Monday or Tuesday.

"I have now earned the right to fight for the lightweight title," said Moran, "and I will lose no time going after Wolgast. I clearly demonstrated that I am in the tip notch, and if the champion continues to ignore my challenge I shall lay claim to his title."

The receipts for the Moran-Nelson fight were $13,130, the largest house at a San Francisco bout for some time past. Nelson and Moran were both fighting on separate percentages. Nelson was given 40 per cent., which would amount to $5,240 in round numbers. Moran's share was 25 epr cent., which netted him $3,275, while Promoter Coffroth drew down 35 per cent., or $4,585. The number of people in attendance was estimated at 9,000.

A FOUR YEARS' PLAYER WITH THE SOUTHERN CHAMPIONS.

By Dr. Chas. Henry Phillips, Jr., Class '08, Meharry.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

A crowd roughly estimated at 6,000 saw the annual contest of the Meharry-Fisk foot ball teams. The great battle occurred as usual on Thanksgiving day, and was a most memorable game.

Representatives of these two schools as well as friends and supporters from all of the Southern States, and a large number from the closer Northern cities, were on hand to cheer and sympathize with their favorite team. Automobiles, carriages and vehicles of all kinds surrounded the gridiron and the spacious grand stands of the athletic park were literally packed. The large throng went wild with enthusiasm and the crack Meharry band with sweetly blended strains of favorite songs added no little to the general enlivenment.

Mr. S. S. Ransom, of St. Paul, Minn., former star on a number of well known white teams of the West, and the one man to whom Walter Eckersall owes his foot ball fame, was Meharry's coach; while Mr. Blake, a former star of the famous Vanderbilt eleven (white), had charge for some time of the boys from Fisk. Each squad therefore is to be congratulated on its superior coaching; and each team showed itself the master of the new rules. Hence all along a great contest was expected, and the expectations were fully met in a game replete with brilliant plays and a struggle both stubborn and hard.

Promptly at 2:30 the referee's whistle blew and the great battle was on. Meharry defended south goal and after a few punts, etc., and failure on both sides to gain much, the first quarter was over. It was Meharry's quarter.

The second quarter began fiercely and West for Meharry gains but ten yards. Meharry kicks and recovers ball. West again gains ten yards. Landry then fumbles and King for Fisk gets ball and makes beautiful run of forty yards. Fisk loses on downs and Meharry then marches up the field when second quarter ends.

Third quarter—the players tighten up and the contest becomes exciting. By the famous Minnesota formation, Scott, Brown and West, Meharry's back field, marched down the field to the 25-yard line After two downs by a brilliant forward pass, Brown carries the pigskin over for the first touchdown. Zuber, Meharry's captain, kicked goal. Score, Meharry, 6; Fisk, 0.

Fisk then kicks to Meharry. Kennedy makes twenty yard gain, West ten and Brown ten. The ball is then given to Scott, who makes a brilliant run and gain of forty-five yeards. Zuker fumbles and loses ball and five yards. King, for Fisk, makes a perfect forward pass to Payne, who carried the ball fifteen yards and over Meharry's goal, but ran out of bounds and therefore lost the score. The ball is carried out and put in play when third quarter is over.

The fourth quarter began with both teams still determined. Fisk brings the ball to Meharry's 15-yard line when she loses to her opponent. Meharry loses five yards in attempt to carry ball out. Zuke gets back and attempts forward pass, Fisk brilliantly interfered a seemingly perfect play and over the goal line the Fisk man went. Fisk was wild with joy, thinking her man had made a touchdown, but it was a safety and netted two points. Score Meharry, 6; Fisk, 2. Fisk again fails to gain and Upshaw kicks to Zuck. Meharry loses ball and King, by a spectacular forty yard run went over Meharry's goal line. He ran out of bounds and again Fisk lost a chance of scoring a touchdown. Fisk then attempts forward pass. Selby, of Meharry, blocks same on Fisk's 40-yard line. Landry kicks out of danger. Meharry advances with great skill towards Fisk's goal and is within twenty yards of same when whistle blew and one of the greatest local struggles was over. Bass, Scott, West, Brown, Selby and Zuber played brilliant and star ball for Meharry, and King, Payne and Upshaw were the stars for Fisk.

Referee, Bullock; umpire, Jones; field-judge, Williams; head linesman, Randals; timekeepers, Dr. Phillips and Jackson.

Among the out-of-town people to witness the game were Druggist Carter, Chicago; Miss Naomi Mason, Cincinnati; Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Henry Phillips, St. Louis; Dr. and Mrs. Edward W. Bates, Hillsboro, Texas; Dr. B. H. Morees, Chattanooga; Dr. J. L. Ligert, Jackson; Dr. R. T. Burt, Clarksville; Dr. Gus Marcus, Helena, Ark.; Miss Helen Sheffie, Birmingham; Dr. J. P. Coleman, Mrs. M. Smith and Mr. T. Garrett, Clarksville! Dr. Alonzo Brock, Louisville; Dr. J. P. Hickman, Murphisboro and Dr. N. J. Ridly, Lexington, Ky.

The line-up was as follows:

MEHARRY	Position	FISK
Madison	Right End	Kendall
Cannaday	Right Tackle	Suggs
Wade	Right Guard	McBeth
Bass	Center	Warren
Whittaker	Left Tackle	Howell
Brown	Left Guard	Howell
Rickey	Left End	Payne
Zuber	Quarterback	Weslegt
West	Right Half	Merchant
Landry	Left Half	Upshaw
Scott	Fullback	King

Final score: Meharry Medical College, 6; Fisk University, 2. This still leaves Meharry the undisputed champions of colored foot ball, especially Southern, where are found nearly all of the great teams.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY NEEDS A GYMNASIUM

By William H. Simmons.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Wilberforce has no gymnasium. Many of her students have for years secured their physical culture by chopping wood and performing manual labor on the surrounding farms, thus not only securing strength of muscle and limb, but also the means for continuing their studies. Many of these now have reached the years of maturity, and their robust health, their symmetrical development of muscle and limbs, will compare with those who have sought to secure like results by swinging Indian war clubs and twisting their bodies into dangerous looking attitudes on the horizontal bar. There were, however, aside from profitable work, many modes of exercise and recreation in which the students engaged. Baseball in season was a favorite game. Usually once a week there were class games. Our picked and star players, such as Nelson, Hatcher and Clinton, members of the baseball squadron, played with the boys from Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, and with local teams in surrounding towns, and also from cities out of the State. To the credit of the Wilberforce boys, be it said, they were almost invariably successful in the contests. When visiting clubs came to Wilberforce the young ladies and members of the faculty usually attended and took lively part and interest in the sport. There were a few brave enough to engage in barbarous football, but this was by no means a favorite game. We had foot races, walking matches, jumping, and boxing, with its concomitant bruises. These continue now, as in the past, to be the principal games and sports.

How the young ladies secure exercise is a mystery that still remains to be solved, for of course they take no part in the robust sports of the young men. A few weeks in the year they play croquette and tennis with the young men, but judging by the number of persons usually seen on the grounds, this diversion is enjoyed by but few. Once in a very long time the matron would take them out for a walk, and aside from this they had the freedom of half the large campus to stroll during the hours of intermission. It may be that this, with fresh air, accounts for the good health at all times enjoyed by the students of Wilberforce. It is most invigorating to take an early morning stroll through the grounds and drink in the pure air and purer water, which bubbles up in the springs every moment fresh from the bowels of the earth.

But Wilberforce needs, and should have, a well-equipped gymnasium. About half the school year the weather is such that outdoor sports cannot be indulged. The students, for the most part, make their homes in the buildings where the classes recite, and meals are served; thus they have few calls necessary, taking them out of the house. Under these conditions the statement contained in the catalogue that "the location is healthy" needs no further proof. The boys have military exercise under Lieutenant Green, Twenty-fifth Infantry, U. S. A. Wilberforce is the only authorized, supported and equipped colored military institution in the world. Guard mount, target practice, drill, battalion drill, marching, manual of arms, etc., are the duties to be performed.

Were the location not healthy, the mortuary list (only two students died in more than a dozen years) would be much larger. But we trust the movement, already seriously considered, of establishing a gymnasium will meet with sufficient encouragement to guarantee success.

MINEOLA, TEX.

On last Thursday, November 24, the colored people and the whites were seen in churches returning thanks to Almighty God for His goodness and loving kindness. There was sweet music in the city all day and the merchants closed their doors. They are trusting in the Lord first....The Negroes work hard in the South, but only a few of them have money on hand. The Negroes are very useful in the South, for they do nearly all of the hard work and for a low price....To the people of Mineola and elsewhere: Don't miss the holiday number of The Freeman, December 24, 1910—only three weeks. from to-day....Will Johnson, of Dallas, lost his residence here by fire on the 24th. Tom McMillan had a heavy loss by the fire, but the people saved a great deal of his things, and Mrs. Arbell McMillan and the children are doing very well, so give thanks to the Lord...Mrs. Maggie Hall, of Fort Worth, was in the city last week, to see her sick father, Ellis Lee....Mr. James Hunter, the restaurant man, will give you all you can eat for 25 cents....K. W. Flavellen will dress you up so cheap, so nice, and he wants your trade....The Mineola Compress Company did a good business this year, and employed all colored hands... Sandy Anderson and Charlie Thompson will not stay on the Bailey form next year. Both will leave as soon as possible.

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In the Field of Sport.

BY HAROLD C. McGATH.

THE FREEMAN HOLIDAY OFFER.

Until January 1st, The Freeman will be sent in clubs of one or more at the rate of $1.00 a year, including free a life sized picture of Dr. Booker T. Washington. Remember this offer is good only till January 1st. Send in your orders today. Address THE FREEMAN, Indianapolis, Ind.

Evidently somebody got the dope wrong. According to Johnson's Chicago physician, he is in excellent health and ready to give battle at any old time.

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Al Kaufman, the California heavyweight, has been secured for another fight. The match maker of the West Side Athletic Club of New Orleans got his consent to meet the winner of the Jim Barry-Tony Ross bout, which takes place at that club on Sunday afternoon, December 11. If the victor will fight Kaufman, the men will clash in a twenty-round go on Sunday, January 29. This will be one time that Kaufman will really get a chance to fight, as the police officials of New Orleans will not stop him from fighting here.

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Jimmy Cocroth, the California fight promoter, who staged the Nelson-Moran contest in San Francisco, has just announced that he will give a purse of $15,000 for Ad Wolgast and Moran to battle in a twenty-round bout for the lightweight championship of the world at any date which is suitable to Wolgast. Charley Harvey, manager of Moran, has already accepted the offer and has also informed Coffroth to try his utmost to induce Wolgast to agree to the match. "If there is one fighter that Moran can beat," said Harvey, "it is Wolgast. Moran fought him in New York and bested him and he will surely do the trick again."

COLD NO BAR TO JOHNSON.

Negro Champion Continues Work with Training Partners.

CHICAGO.—The disagreeable weather of last week did not put a damper on the daily work which Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, has mapped out for himself in order to keep in condition. In company with Walter Monahan, the big champion took to the road for a short jaunt and then boxed a few rounds in the barn back of his south side home.

During his stay in Chicago, Johnson is looking over several real estate propositions on the south side, as he is anxious to secure some good property. He says he is willing to spend as much as $100,000 if he can secure the right sort of property. Last Monday he purchased a lot on Prairie avenue, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets, for $18,000.

JOHNSON WILL PROMOTE CLUB.

Attempt Will Be Made to Revive Boxing Game in Chicago.

CHICAGO.—Tired of being arrested for scorching as his only relaxation between fights and lawsuits, John Arthur Johnson, heavyweight champion, plans to break into the limelight as a promoter of a new fight and wrestling club here which, if it comes true, he will run on the lines of a club membership.

Johnson has negotiated for the purchase of a hall as the home for the Johnson club to be.

"My plan," said Johnson Saturday, "is to attempt to revive boxing in Chicago and to give a chance to see athletic entertainments at a fair rate. I don't believe there is any law which can prevent contests held on this plan. I would also like to pull off a few wrestling matches. I intend to get the hall and endeavor to start the club at once."

JACK JOHNSON IN GOOD TRIM.

Complete Physical Examination Discloses No Evidence of Disease—Not on Journey to Hasbeenville—Black Champion Is Still Perfect Physically.

CHICAGO.—Jack Johnson is far from nervous prostration.

The heavyweight boxing champion of the world returned to Chicago last week and underwent a thorough examination by Dr. C. W. K. Briggs, who pronounced the conqueror of Jeffries to be far from the all-in stage.

When it was all over he turned to the physician and asked:

"Is there anything wrong with me, doctor? If there is I wish you would tell me, for I would like to know just how I stand. That doctor down east who told me I was due for nervous prostration sort of had me guessing."

"I only wish I were in as good shape as you are," replied Dr. Briggs. "I can't find anything in your make-up that would indicate that you are on the road to Hasbeenville."

Johnson was tested in every way. His pulse was taken, his heart action tried and the reflex nerve action was given a thorough trial and nothing which would indicate any serious nervous trouble was disclosed.

Fighting Days Are Not Over.

Denying in emphatic terms that it was necessary for him to go to a sanatorium in Lowell, Mass., because of a nervous breakdown, and asserting he was in perfect health, Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion arrived in this city last week from New York, and aside from showing in a few nearby towns will remain at his south side home until the first of the year, when he will go west to open a nine weeks' theatrical engagement which will include all the principal cities between Chicago and the coast.

The champion was much wrought up over the statements which have been attributed to him about his fighting days being over. He said he would fight as soon as a suitable opponent was found and enough money put up for a battle. Johnson said he never had nervous prostration and never expects to have it, but asserted the continual monotony of one night stands had worn him out and he came home for a rest before starting west.

The colored fighter has not made up his mind whether or not he will go abroad in March. He has received several tempting offers from theatrical agencies on the other side, but is of the opinion he can make more money by making the trip alone and fixing his own theatrical dates. Jack is anxious to tour Europe while he is champion, and from the manner in which he spoke about different places it is almost certain he will make the trip some time during the winter or early spring.

"I have a good strong pulse that beats around eighty-two and eighty-four," said Jack, "but you will find it stronger in the left wrist because that has been more highly developed. Ever since I was a boy I have done the greater part of my work with my left side, which has resulted in a sort of abnormal development there."

The doctor tried the right arm and found the pulse rather weak but regular at eighty-two. He then turned to the left and, as Johnson had said, the beat was stronger and the count was found to be eighty-four. The other tests followed.

"Physically, I have found Johnson to be practically perfect," said Dr. Briggs. "I can find no organic weakness. His pulse is strong and as regular as clockwork. The peculiar thing I discovered in my examination of him was that the fact that he was on trial did not affect him in any way. He did not display any "nerves" whatsoever. The heart valves and the heart tone are perfect. The reflex nervous tests did not reveal any organic nervous lesions. So far as anything alarming in the nerve changes are concerned my examination of Johnson revealed nothing. I would not call him a fighter who was on the verge of nervous prostration. My examination showed him to be a man in health far above that of the ordinary man."

The champion appeared to be in fine condition on his return from the east. He joked about his arrest caused by a show girl, and declared that his accuser merely was looking for advertising.

The big fellow will remain in or near Chicago until about January 1, when he will leave for a theatrical tour of the West.

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This prescription comes from a physician who has made a special study of men and I am convinced it is the surest-acting combination for the cure of deficient manhood and vigor failure ever put together.

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WHO CAN DO IT?

Four Selections for an All-American Team.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Sporting writers have begun the annual election of the great dream, a team which could lick the world on the gridiron—the All-American eleven:

Here are a few of to-day's selections, showing how the experts dope out the combinations:

Ted Coy, in the New York World.

Left end, Kilpatrick, Yale.
Left tackle, McKay, Harvard.
Left guard, Weir, West Point.
Center, Morris, Yale.
Right guard, Fisher, Harvard.
Right tackle, Paul, Yale.
Right end, Smith, Harvard.
Quarterback, Sprackling, Brown.
Left halfback, Wendell, Harvard.
Right halfback, McKay, Brown.
Fullback, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

New York Press.

Left end, Kilpatrick, Yale.
Left tackle, Scully, Yale.
Left guard, Brown, Navy.
Center, Morris, Yale.
Right guard, Fisher, Harvard.
Right tackle, McKay, Harvard.
Right end, L. Smith, Harvard.
Quarterback, Sprackling, Brown.
Right halfback, Wendell, Harvard.
Left halfback, McKay, Brown.
Fullback, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

New York Herald.

Left end, Kilpatrick, Yale.
Left tackle, Scully, Yale.
Left guard, Fisher, Harvard.
Center, Cozens, Pennsylvania.
Right guard, Brown, Navy.
Right tackle, Withington, Harvard.
Right end, Smith, Harvard.
Quarterback, Sprackling, Brown.
Left halfback, Pendleton, Princeton.
Right halfback, Mercer, Pennsylvania.
Fullback, Wendell, Harvard.

New York Sun.

Left end, Kilpatrick, Yale.
Left tackle, Scully, Yale.
Left guard, Fisher, Harvard.
Center, Cozens, Pennsylvania.
Right guard, Brown, Navy.
Right tackle, McKay, Harvard.
Right end, Smith, Harvard.
Quarterback, Sprackling, Brown.
Left halfback, McKay, Brown.
Right halfback, Wendell, Harvard.
Fullback, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

It will be noted that Kilpatrick, Sprackling, Mercer and Wendell ewre unanimous selections, while there were few other changes in the elevens selected. Walter Camp, the mentor of all the dreamers, has not yet made public his annual All-American team.

BOXERS ARRESTED—WILL TRY TO WIN CASE IN COURT.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., November 29.—Six principals in boxing bouts that were held at the Jeffersonville Ball Park, just outside the city, last night, by the Tri-City Athletic Club, were arrested by Sheriff John B. Carr, Captain Mike Wall, chief of police, and six deputies. Harry Rogers, who arranged for the bouts and who was to referee, and Eugene Davidson, colored, one of the seconds, were taken into custody. The fights, which only amounted to sparring matches, were allowed to continue, but bond was given for the appearance of the boxers to answer each charge.

Those arrested besides the two named were John Tierney and Jerry Dalton, of Indianapolis, who went on for John Richterkissing, of Louisville, and Jimmie Watts, of Indianapolis, the latter having sprained his hand and the former refusing to fight; Willis Burch and Bruce Hopper, local colored couple, and George McCaslin, of Jeffersonville, and Alfonse Howard, of New Albany.

About two hundred were present and an attempt was at first made to keep officers out, but arrangement to hold bouts and to give bond for appearance was finally reached. Cases were call this morning in the Circuit Court and will be heard later. The defendants' attorneys claim the fights were to be only exhibitions of skill and not to be knockouts or for purse. Technical points will play a large part in the trial.

THE ALL-SOUTHERN TEAM.

By J. BLAIN BOYD.

In selecting an all-Southern team there are some players whose qualifications are so apparent that at a glance they must be placed on this honorary team, while others must be given careful consideration and their season's work taken into consideration. In selecting the men for this season I am trying to weigh each man and give him his correct value to the team and show why I have chosen him for the position.

Ends, Madison of Meharry and Kendall of Fisk.

Both of these players are strong fast men. They can both carry the ball to good advantage and are as fast as can be expected; get down the field under punts and are sure tacklers. They are big and strong and yet are not large enough to take away any speed. Both can be brought in to assist the line in changing. In handling the forward pass they are both safe men and whenever started they are hard to down. Payne of Fisk is a good end and is better than both Kendall and Madison in running the forward pass, but he has not the power and strength that these men have and would not prove as useful to the team in all lines of work cut out for the ends. Selby of Meharry is another good end, but his great fault is he cannot keep his feet when in motion, and is almost sure to stumble

Tackles, Vic Turner of A. B. C. and Suggs of Fisk.

Now both of these men are great tackles strong and fast, good at smashing interference and are almost as fast in getting down the field as the ends, and both can carry the ball around ends and through the line. They are hard men to tackle and stop and both have a wonderful amount of natural ability combined with foot ball brains. Vic Turner is the greatest tackle of the season, and while Suggs does not quite rank up to Turner, yet he is a good man. Cannady of Meharry is a great tackle and rendered his team good service, but it must be admitted he is a trifle slow for a place on the all-Southern team.

Guards, Brown of Meharry and Powell of Fisk.

These men are in a class by themselves. Both fast, heavy and strong. Good men on defense as well as offense. Can be used for any style of play and keep going.

Center, Bass of Meharry stands out away ahead of his field and can not be compared iwth the others. He plays the game all the time; is into everything and always has his eyes on the ball. While he is not a very heavy man, he is as strong as a lion and as fast as a deer. It was Bass that wrought so much havoc with Tuskegee and Fisk. He always broke through and had the man before the play was well under way.

The quarterback position is a hard one to settle. We did not have a quarterback this season quite up to the standard of Johnson, Meharry's quarter of last season or Stith of Fisk last season's team. Henley of Tuskegee is a great quarter. His passing of the ball is clean, quick and clever, and he handles punts and runs them back fairly well but there seems to be a weakness in his driving his team. He does not look out the weak points in the defense of the other team. Davis of A. B. C. and Wesley of Fisk are both good men. Davis was out of the game a great deal and can not be considered. The position must be given to Zuber of Meharry for all around play. While he was not quite so brilliant all the time, he studies the other team, is quick to find weak spots in it, and drives his team for all it is worth. Then too, when he gets the chance he is fast in gaining around ends or through the line, and in running back punts he is safe and reliable. His experience is a wonderful help to him and he takes advantage of every weak point in the opposing teams defense.

Half Backs, King of Fisk and West of Meharry.

These men are fast and strong. King is indeed a fine back; his speed and knowledge of the game, his wonderful ability to dodge tacklers and still keep going makes him a hard man to handle. He is a fine defensive player as well and is an ideal man for the position. West is a halfback that seems to be cut out for the new game and his playing Thanksgiving day stamped him as a first class man in every way. He runs fast and hard, keeps his feet almost all the time. He picks his openings well and as almost sure to gain on his plays.

Full back, Scott of Meharry is the man it seems almost impossible to stop this demon. He can rip through the line for long gains unaided, and it seems that he could not be stopped. Scott is a great player and a valuable man to any team. He must be given the position without a doubt.

In selecting this team I have given it every advantage. I have considered speed, strength, knowledge of the game. I have provided it with several good kickers in Bass and Zuber, both for punts and placement. Other men that are worthy of mention are Upshaw of Fisk, a great player for his weight, a hard man, a good kicker and runs well with the ball; Walker of A. B. C. made a fine showing this season and deserves some mention.

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Sol. White, of Philadelphia, writes The Freeman that he is very anxious to have the very best team of colored players in the country. A letter to The Freeman on the subject is as follows:

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We have signed several reputable ball players from the East but withhold the names for the present.

With best wishes for success and hoping to hear from you at earliest convenience, I am,
Yours sincerely,
Sol White, manager,
1309 Poplar street.

FISK UNIVERSITY BATTLE CRY.

The following rather sanguinary yell was pulled off by the Fisk University crowd, Nashville, Tenn., at its recent foot-ball game with Meharry:

Bevo! Bivo! Bevo Bum!
Bum get a rat trap bigger than a cat trap,
Bum get a rat trap bigger than a cat trap,
Bum, Bum, Sis, Bum, Rah!
Fisk University, Rah, Rah, Rah!
Give 'em the ax, the ax, the ax,
Give 'em the ax, the ax, the ax,
Give 'em the ax, give 'em the ax, give 'em the ax—Where?
Right in the neck, the neck, the neck,
Right in the neck, the neck, the neck,
Right in the neck, right in the neck, right in the neck—There.
Rah, rah, rah,
Rah, rah, rah,
Rah, rah, rah,
Fisk, Fisk, Fisk.
Brek ek ek ek
Coex Coex!
Brek ek ek ek
Coex Coex!
Ho up! Ho up!
Palabalou!
Fisk!
Rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah!
Fisk- Fisk! Fisk!
Acker Baker! Soda Cracker!
Sis Bum Bah!
Fisk University
Rah, rah, rah!
Umph-Yank!
Umph-Yank!
M-E-H-A-R-R-Y!

MEHARRY BEATS FISK.

By J. BLAIN BOYD.

In the presence of 6,000 frantic foot ball enthusiasts Meharry downed her old rivals Thanksgiving day in one of the hardest fought battles ever seen in Nashville. The teams had been coached by the best foot ball brains the country could produce. Fisk by Mr. Robert Blake of Vanderbilt University, the greatest end the South has ever produced, and Meharry by Mr. Sam L. Ransom, who played on the Hyde Park high school team of Chicago and Beloit Wisconsin University, a team mate of the great Walter Eckersall of Chicago.

The teams were about evenly matched in weight. Fisk may have been a trifle faster in some departments of play. Both put up a finished exhibition of the new game and never before in the history of the game has there been such a wonderful amount of speed shown. Each team had a great number of grand plays and pulled them off with almost clock like perfection. A bad fumble by Fisk cost her the game. While Meharry played a steady consistent game, taking advantage of everything in sight.

Fisk showed up well in end runs and forward passing. King and Payne made a fine combination and the manner in which they worked the pass was a revelation to the most ardent follower of the game. King ould twake the ball and start off as though for a long sweeping end run, and never going outside the five-yard zone, and then suddenly stop and throw the ball almost the entire width of the gridiron, herew Payne would be waiting to receive it. For a good gain. Kendall also played a great game for Fisk and his work win tackling and end running was spectacular and brilliant. Bad fumbling cost Fisk the game.

Meharry's best plays were a tackle shift and line shift, putting the ball in play the moment the men were in position. Finding that Fisk had a weak line she drove her backs through for many long gains. Scott, West and Landry did splendid work while Brown as guard was the man of the hour.

The game was fast, snappy and full of new things. Each team tried a number of trick plays, some of them working and others failing to work. There was not a dull moment during the game. And when Meharry scored her touchdown on a forward pass it seemed like her supporters would tear the stands down with yells and songs. Although defeated Fisk put up a wonderful game and one which with less fumbling would have brought her home a sure winner.

Meharry on the other hand played a hard an cautious game, taking few chances, and content with working her line shift for short sure gains.

The line-up:

MEHARRY	Position	FISK
Madison	Right End	Kendall
Canady	Right Tackle	Suggs
Wade	Right Guard	McBeth
Bass	Center	Warren
Whittaker	Left Tackle	Howell
Bronw	Left Guard	Powell
Richey	Left End	Payne
Zuber	Quarterback	Wesley
West	Rifht Half	Merchant
Scott	Fullback	King
Landry	Left Half	Upshaw

Referee, Bullock; umpire, Jones; field judge, Williams; head linesman, Randals.

JACK JOHNSON WOULD BE REGULAR LANDLORD

Pugilist Takes Option on Valuable Chicago Property—Feels Like Fighting Again.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Just to show that the stories noised about to the effect that he was getting toward the bottom of his pile of available cash are false, Jack Johnson has secured an option on property at State and Thirty-third streets here, and is expected to close a deal for the purchase of the property within a few days at a price said to be in the neighborhood of $60,000. When Johnson secures the property he may turn into a regular landlord, maintain an office, and direct the affairs of his building, the property consisting of an auditorium, two dance halls and several small halls for lodge purposes.

"I will show you one fighter who will never end broke," said Johnson last Friday, and his friends declare that the big champion now has an account of $165,000 in a local savings bank. They declare he has not touched his "fight" money during the past months, but has only used his theatrical cash.

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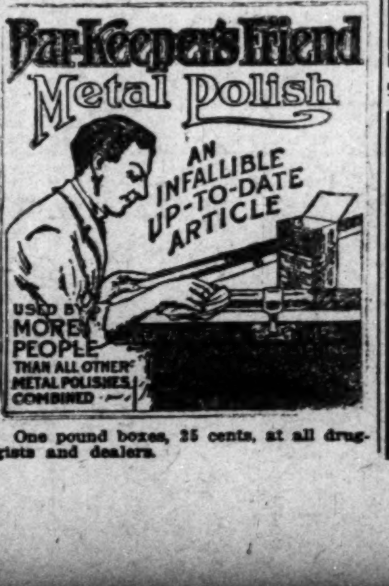

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Mrs. R. B. Johnson, now residing at Eenia, O., is in the city to spend some time.

Mrs. Theodore Crawford, the hair-dresser, was purchasing Christmas goods in Chicago, Monday.

Mr. A. E. Manning, of The World, and Mr. Geo. L. Knox, of The Freeman, were in Chicago the first of the week.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Lincoln Hospital will have a special meeting Monday afternoon, December 12, at 4 o'clock.

James M. Johnson was granted a divorce from Minnie Johnson, November 9, in the Circuit Court of Marion county, Indiana.

Rev. Dr. H. E. Stewart, of Chicago, Ill., was in the city last Tuesday, on his way to Seymour, Ind., and Louisville, Ky.

Prof. J. Clifford Brown, traveling for the Burrling Art Association, of Chicago, was in the city for a few days this week.

Prof. F. Q. Brown is visiting in Bloomington, Ind., in the interest of the Sea Bird Mining Company. in this city.

Mr. C. J. Embry, tailor, of Toledo, O., was in the city this week, visiting his mother, Mrs. Earie Burrs, of 1423 East Twelfth street. He thinks of locating

Miss Laura Moss, of Utica, N. Y., is vivsiting Madame McNairdee, of 1103 North Senate avenue. Miss Moss was here four years ago with Ernest Hogan's "Rufus Rastus" Company.

Mr. George L. Knox has arrived home from Chicago, where he went to visit his sister. He had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Booker T. Washington, with whom he spent some pleasant moments.

Mr. William E. Scott, the artist, attended the banquet given in honor of the Western artists at the Herron Art Institute, last week. Three pictures painted by Mr. Scott while in France were on exhibition.

Mr. and Mrs. Bern Fisher entertained at dinner Tuesday evening in honor of their son, Floyd Fisher's, birthday. Those present were Festis Black, Lloyd Cox, Ralph Bryant, Walker Cave, Richard Wilson, Robert Young, Harry Jackson, Lawrence Brown and Fred Fisher.

The Negro Business League gave a complimentary smoker at Willis' Chapel last Friday evening. Mr. Roberts made an interesting talk on the "Drug Business." The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "We desire to express our approval of the proposed campaign for securing funds for the erection of a colored Y. M. C. A. building, and we further pledge our individual assistance, morally and financially, to the enterprise." The arrangements were complete for a "Business Men's Luncheon" at the Parker House, Friday evening, December 16, at 8:30 o'clock. Tickets are on sale by the committee for 25 cents. Committee, Geo. Read, Allen Simms and Frank Duerson.

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The special meetings under the leadership of Mrs. Lena Mason closed last Sunday. Twenty-one persons were added to the church. The pastor will preach Sunday at 10:45 a. m. on the subject of "Working in God's Vineyard." Sunday School rally at 12:45 p. m. The parents are asked to be present. At 7:30 p. m. the pastor's subject will be "Watching."

Thursday, December 22, will be Class Rally.

ALONZA MALONE IN INDIANAPOLIS

One of the most agreeable surprises of the season was furnished the many acquaintances and friends of Alonza Malone who "run in' on his old-time associates last week. Mr. Malone is remembered very pleasantly as an Indianapolis man of the long ago. Lon, as he is popularly known among the old timers, was once a popular part of our cosmopolitan citizenship in the early days when Indianapolis was the middle ground between Louisville and Chicago. He was among us for a period extending over more than six years. Although his stay was confined to a few hours only, he was shown much distinction by his old time friends.

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DR. M. W. DOGAN IN THE CITY.

Dr. M. W. Dogan, the well-known educator, president of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., was in the city for a few day of last week and the present week. He is North in the interest of his school. He went to New York the first of the week. The Doctor lectured at the Witherspoon United Presbyterian Church last Saturday, preached at Simpson Chapel Sunday morning, addressed the Men's Monster Meeting Sunday afternoon, preached at the Witherspoon Presbyterian Church Sunday night, and addressed the Ministerial Round Table last Monday morning.

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Rev. H. W. Tate, D. D., Pastor.

Mrs. Dolly Lewis, who is holding revival meetings at this church, is one of the most successful evangelists of the race in winning men and boys for Christ. The services are largely attended, and soul stirring; and there are conversions nightly. The meetings will continue this week.

Prof. M. W. Dogan, president of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., delivered an instructive address at 11 a. m., Sunday, on "The Prodigal Son." Professor Dogan was on his way to the meeting of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, in New York City.

The pastor was remembered Tuesday night by a silver offering, it being his fifty-fifth birthday. The offerings will be continued over until the 13th. Rev. L. C. Fletcher, Anna McCloskey, William Harden and others are on the committee.

Revival services all day Sunday, December 11. At 11 a. m. the subject of the pastor's sermon will be "Early Piety." At 3 and 8 p. m. Mrs. Dolly Lewis will deliver the sermons.

The Sunday School is rehearsing the Christmas cantata, "Glad Tidings," which will be rendered Christmas night.

MADAM McNAIRDEE RETURNS FROM THE EAST

Madame McNairdee has returned from her Eastern trip. While in Syracuse she had the pleasure of being one of the guests at Mrs. Sarah Thomas' fortieth birthday party, of Utica, N. Y., given by Mr. and Mrs. James Sanford, of Syracuse. Mrs. Thomas received many costly and beautiful presents. Among them was a handsome hand-embroidered pillow, given by Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson. There were several speeches, and when Madame McNairdee extended her congratulations to the host and hostess it was then that she became known to the brother Knights of Syracuse and Utica. Among the brothers present were Mr. James Sanford, Mr. Floyd Persett of Utica, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Henrie Smith, Mr. Will Davis, Mr. Sam Johnson, Mr. Jesse Perkins, and several others. Cheer was extended to her. The brothers wished her to remain, as they and their wives wanted to show the great sister what they could do, but it was impossible. They all bade her good-bye, saying we will meet you in old Indianapolis.

BANQUET IN CHICAGO.

Dr. Booker T. Washington Honored by Business Men's League.

Directly after Dr. Booker T. Washington had addressed the Tuskegee Alumni of Chicago at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, on the evening of December 5, he was taken to the Dumas Hotel, 3312 Wabash avenue, where a banquet was given in his honor by the Business Men's League. The program was conducted by Dr. George C. Hall, president of the local league, who introduced Dr. Booker T. Washington, president of the National Business Men's League, who spoke most encouragingly of the proportions of business possibilities. The next speaker of interest was J. E. Moorland, who is extensively interested in Y. M. C. A. work and its upbuilding. Prominent speakers were Frank L. Gale, of the Gale Piano Company; J. H. Zedricks, of the State street mail order house; William Wilson, tailor; Edward Felix, confectionery dealer; Geo. L. Smith, of C. H. Green's O. K. Shoe Polish business; Peter Jones, photographer; William D. Neighbors, real estate, and Lawyer J. Gray Lucas. Among others present were: Noah D. Thompson, S. J. Evans, Thomas Neely, George McMahon, Alfred H. Watkins, R. S. Abbott, Joseph E. Snowden, A. H. Richey, Chas. Elgar, Robert Turnley, Ernest H. Williamson, Dr. W. H. Davis, Jesse A. Shipp, J. C. Harris, Sylvester Russell, Dr. M. Govan, S. H. Dudley, Delbert Brown, Samuel I. Lee, Frank R. Stark, Seward B. Williams, Walter Benton, Jas. S. Copper, William Bowder, C. H. Green, Dr. J. W. McDowell, George M. Porter and S. Laing Williams.

WILLIAM D. NEIGHBORS GIVES INFORMAL DINNER

Entertains Noah D. Thompson, with Dr. Booker T. Washington as Special Guest—Only Newspaper Men Invited.

CHICAGO, Ill., December 5.—An informal dinner was given by William D. Neighbors, the popular real estate dealer, to-day, in honor of Mr. Noah D. Thompson, formerly a newspaper man of Chicago, but now of Tuskegee Institute. The special guest was Dr. Booker T. Washington, hwo had just arrived in the city to address the Tuskegee Alumni in the evening, at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church. The dinner took place at 5:30 p. m., at the Dumas Hotel, 3312 Wabash avenue, and lasted until 8 p. m. Among the speakers were Dr. Washington, J. Allison Sweeny, George L. Knox of The Freeman, Rev. A. J. Carey of The Conservator, R. S. Abbott of The Defender, S. B. Turner of The Illinois Idea, Julius F. Taylor of The Broad Ax, and R. W. Rhea, connected with The Chronicle. Mr. Thompson was then introduced by Mr. Neighbors, the host, and W. H. A. Moore was master of ceremonies. Among others present were Dr. M. A. Majors, Sylvester Russell, A. N. Fields, Jos. Snowden, Cary B. Lewis, J. H. Moody and Thomas Wallace Swan. The menu, which was served in courses, was excellent.

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All the churches in town are making elaborate preparations for Christmas. The pastors, Revs. Coleman, Boone, Seymour, Watts and Metcalf, are looking to their congregations for a hearty support that their efforts may be successful......Mr. Ennis Miller departed this life on Friday, December 2, leaving a host of friends to mourn his loss....A musical club is being organized and will give concerts in several of the churches. A full account, with names of members will be given later ....Quite a few strangers have been noticed in the city the past week....The Freeman Christmas number will be an elaborate edition. Orders for same can be left with George Ligon, who contemplates a good sized order as The Freeman contains more news than any other paper printed.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

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Thanksgiving day was honored with religious services in the different churches at 11 a. m., Thursday, November 24th. And with much enthusiasm the people attended services....The Tompkin A. M. E. Zion church members tendered the distinguished pastor, Rev. E. M. Argyle, D. D., a Thanksgiving reception, and the program was grandly rendered. The newspaper man, Brooks, was on hand and partook of the festivities most freely. With the large and appreciative audience present the ladies of the committe did well their part to make the occasion enjoyable and all left with smiles and words of praise....The Monument Baptist church members tendered their pastor, Rev. W. M. Moore, a Thanksgiving reception, and a grand program was rendered to the delight of all the audience. The following program was rendered: Music by the choir; Invocation, Rev. G. W. Washington; Music; "The Church at Work, Mr. J. M. Richardson; Address, Rev. C. A. Bell, B. D.; "Origin of the Monumental Baptist Church," Mr. J. L. Holland; Address, Rev. J. E. Smith; Music; and then for the bountifully spread table....A very fine literary entertainment was given at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Tuesday evening, November29th, at 8 o'clock. The unique program as rendered was made specially interesting and attractive, as Prof. W. H. Crawford, of Alton, Ill., the Shakesperian, appeared in his costume and played Hamlet, Richard III, and Julius Caesar. Mr. G. W. Franklin, the cornetist, and Miss Williams, soloist, were exceedingly grand. The audience was composed of the cultured and most prominent citizens. Prof. Crawford reflected credit upon the occasion as a Shakesperian reciter and entertainer, is a brilliant gem in literature, as his recitals are just charming and he captures his audience in his masterpieces of recitals. We wish him success....Rev. I. H. Welch, D. D., the financial record-breaking pastor of the Warren A. M. E. chchurch, in three years raised about the sum of $10,000. This church has permitted their pastor, for faithfulness, a vacation to visit relatives and friends in the East. We trust that his stay will be pleasant. ....Rev. J. H. Masters, pastor of Second Baptist church, has been critically ill, and the outlook was the need of an operation to be performed for his betterment. We bow in sympathy for him and his loyal congregation, and hope for a speedy recovery....The Mt. Paran Baptist church had a grand success financially from the Thanksgiving dinner. Rev. L. Drain, who has done much to build up this congregation, has also set up plans for the erection of a new house of worship on the modern style. He is able to accomplish toaccomplish Bpbful-- etaoin shrdlu eta the same with such faithful people, he being a leader of people in said line..... Rev. J. H. Turner, D. D., pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. church of the East Tennessee A. M. E. conference. He has been returned to said pastoral charge to the delight of his people and community. He has stood by his people in all racial matters and he is on the honored roll of reappointment to this one place and is now in his fifth year as its pastor. This is a record breaker. He is teaching private school and has a large number of pupils. A power in the pulpit as it were.

JOTTINGS FROM NAVASOTA, TEX.

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Miss Lulu Hunter is at home to see her sick mother......Mrs. Alice Hayes and Mrs. Hattie Johnson are reported better. ....Mrs. O. W. Goodwin and Mr. Lee Baxter were quietly married at the palatial residence of the bride on the 16th ult. Rev. Williams of the True Vine Baptist church officiating. Their many friends bespeak for them a future full of matrimonial pleasure.....Miss Ida Cole spent Thanksgiving day with her mother and sisters....Mrs. Emma Knox and Mr. B. Elam were married quietly on the 26th ult. Mrs. Knox is one of our most highly esteemed ladies and Mr. Elam is a well-to-do and most substantial farmer. May they come constantly into a fuller realization of all the divinely appointed pleasures of matrimonial life is the wish of their many friends....Rev. B. F. Williams, of the Friendship Baptist church, preached two elequent sermons on Sunday....Remember The Freeman is on sale at E. M. Neal & Co.'s store on Saturdays and Sundays.

GREENVILLE, S. C.

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The Methodist Episcopal church (south) of South Carolina, held its conference with the John Wesley M. E. church of Greenville, S. C., with Bishop Neely presiding. A few changes were made. The many friends of Rev. Valentine are delighted to know that he will supply the John Wesley church of Greenville for the coming twelve months, and also that Rev. Paige will be their district superintendent for another year. The conference adjourned Monday afternoon to meet with the Emanuel church of Sumter, S. C., next year. Rev. C. K. Brown has been transferred from the South Carolina conference to the North Carolina conference. Rev. Brown was formerly pastor of the M. E. church of Columbia, S. C. Rev. Joshua Wilson was made district superintendent over the Sumter district, in Rev. Cottingham's place, who was given charge of the M. E. church in Columbia, S. C....Messrs. Glover Boston and Edward Sims have returned to the city after spending a very pleasant time visiting in Atlanta, Ga..... Mr. Maze Maxwell is in the city visiting relatives and friends. His many friends welcome him home again. He has just completed an engagement at the Wonderland Theater, Spartanburg, S. C..... Among the many visitors to the city during the past week we note Drs. Hardy, of Spartansburg, S. C., Earl, of Anderson, S. C., and Mr. Wiley, of Augusta, Ga., Mesdames Annie Bomar, Lily Reid, Maude James and Willie Duffy, who were in the city attending the M. E. conference.... Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Price celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary last Monday evening. Quite a number were out and expressed themselves as having spent a very pleasant evening....Mrs, Mary Carter Langston, of Weehauken, N. J., after spending a very pleasant time in the city, the guest of Mrs. C. J. Thompson, left for St. Augustine, Fla., accompanied by Miss Eva Thompson of this city....Mr. Robert Boulware and Miss Mabel N. Hughes were married at the Mattoon Presbyterian church, Wednesday, November 23rd. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for Washington, D. C., their future home ....Dr. Russell, of Rock Hill, S. C., was in the city to be present at the Hughes-Boulware marriage.

PORTSMOUTH, VA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. J. M. Armstead, D. D., pastor of Zion Baptist church, preached a strong sermon Sunday morning....The funeral of Miss Fannie Jones took place from the Emmanuel A. M. E. church Monday, November 28th. Miss Jones was a native of Florida and teacher in the public schools of this city....Sunday night was known as Cowpew night at Zion Baptist church ....Miss Sadie Lopez of this city was married to Mr. Strong of the U. S. navy last Thursday, November 24th....Mrs. Ed. Wilkins, of 818 Carroll street, who has been in St. Vincent hospital for the past five weeks undergoing an operation, is expecting to return home in a few days ....Be sure to get your Freeman every Saturday, for sale at 802 South street and 2503 Effingham street.

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Mrs. Emma Parker left for Bessemer, Monday to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Veasley......Mr. L. L. Powell, S. G. M. of the Mosaic Temperlers of America, was in the city last week from Montgomery, Ala....Mrs. C. C. McGruder, of Birmingham, state grand lecturer of C. of C., is in the city this week....Mrs. Laura Dennis has returned home from Olivia, where she has been in the interest of the Rising Sons and Daughters of Protection....Mrs. Rosie Wilson, of Montgomery, state missionary of the Baptist churches, was in the city last week......The memorial services of Mr. John Winn, who died several weeks ago, will be held at the First Baptist church Sunday evening by the Rising Sons and Daughters of Protection, at 2:30 p. m..... Mr. Lacy Stennett was called home Sunday morning from Memphis to the bedside of his brother, Harry, who has been quite ill for several weeks.

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